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SPORTS

Vikings defeat Gladiators in battle of top two LMC teams



It was a battle of the top two teams in the Lake Michigan Conference standings – the Grayling Vikings (8-2 league, 12-3 overall going into the game) and the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators (10-0 league, 13-1 overall before the contest) – and the home team, Grayling, won by 10, 79-69, with a 26-16 fourth quarter performance, an effort that included a 16-4 run to start the period.

The contest – a varsity boys basketball game – played on Tuesday night – was close from beginning to end; there were seven ties and several lead changes throughout the match. **Page 1B**

9th graders seal win vs. TCSF with 8-1 run in final minutes



Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team defeated the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators 51-42 on Tuesday night in a contest played at Grayling Middle School.

"It's never easy to beat a team three times. In our three games vs. Traverse City St. Francis this was their best showing. The entire team played really well to end the final home game for the season. Every player on the team scored, which made parents' night very special," Coach Chris Kucharek said. **Page 2B**

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Voters will decide bond issue to fund bussing, school improvements

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

While going to the presidential-primary polls next Tuesday, voters in the Crawford AuSable School District will be asked to decide on a bond issue that would fund bussing and school facility improvements.

The 2012 bus and facility bond will be on the ballot on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Michigan's presidential-primary also will be held at the

polls, but Crawford AuSable School District area citizens do not have to be registered as a democrat or republican to be able to be eligible to vote on the school funding proposal, said Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers.

The school district is proposing to borrow \$2,990,000 through bonds issued in order to buy busses and make improvements at all school buildings.

The specific ballot language reads, "Shall Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$2,990,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of: purchasing school buses; acquiring, installing, and equipping educational technology for, and

related remodeling to, Grayling Elementary-AuSable Primary building, Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School; erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, equipping and re-equipping the Grayling Elementary-AuSable Primary building; and developing and improving sites?"

If approved, the AuSable Primary See **VOTERS** | Pg. 3A

Students showcase science knowledge

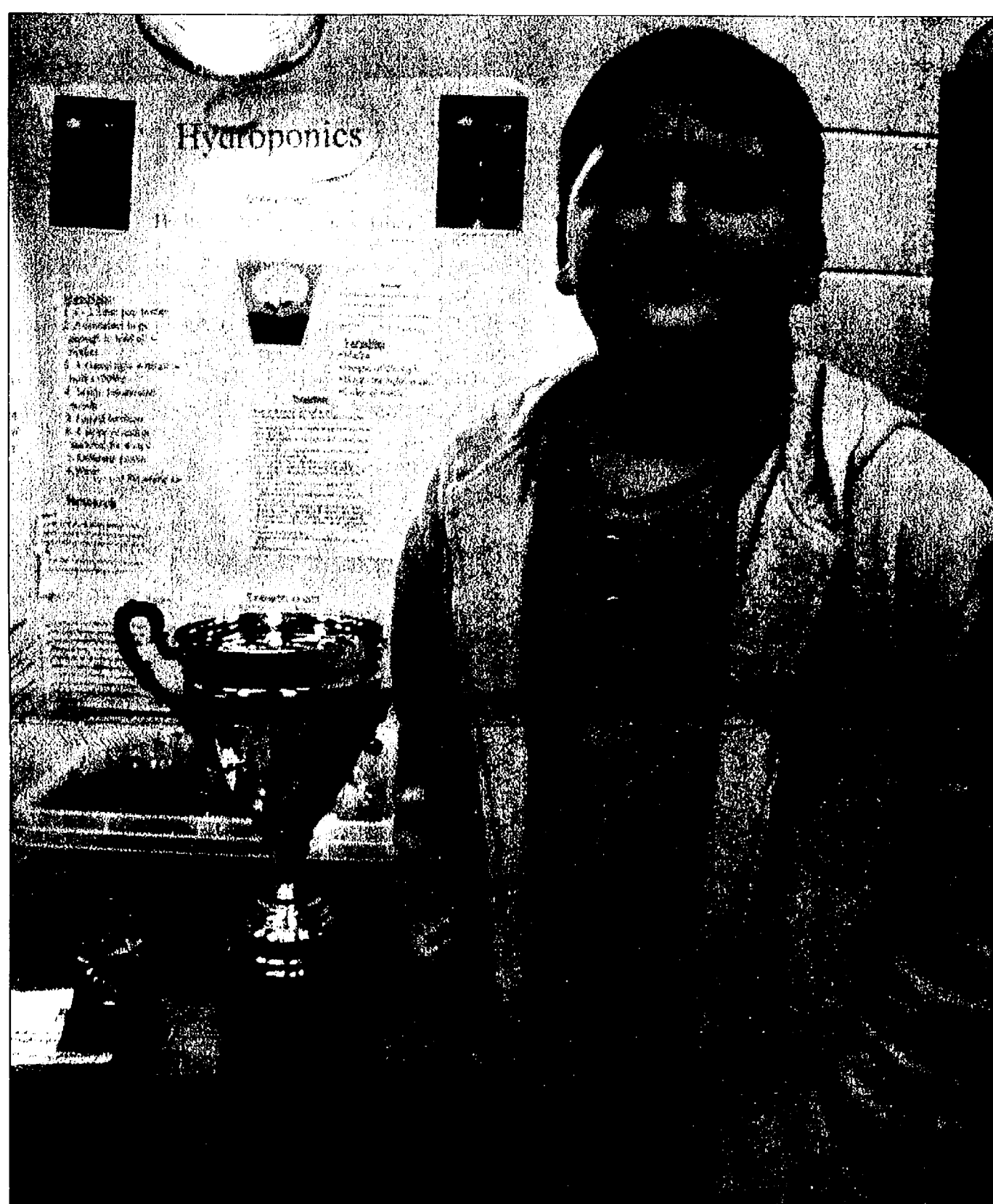


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling Elementary School students submitted 214 projects for the school's annual Science Fair last week. The projects were judged by Crawford AuSable School Board members, retired teaches, Grayling High School National Honor Society Students, Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers, Grayling Elementary School/AuSable Primary School Principal Melissa Stone and employees from the Kohl's Store in Gaylord, which supports the Science Fair with a grant to buy awards, medals and trophies. Hundreds of parents and family members attended a ceremony, when 140 awards were presented to student last Thursday. Above, Cole Dorian, a fifth grader in Julie Dunkley's class, was honored with the Science Fair's grand champion trophy. The theme for Dorian's project covered which medium works best to grow hydroponics in.

Planned VA clinic will be open in Grayling this fall

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Veterans Affairs (VA) clinic will open in Grayling by Oct. 1, but will focus more on the use of technology rather than face-to-face time with medical staff.

Rep. Dr. Dan Benishek, (R-Crystal Falls), was at the American Legion Post #106 on Monday to discuss the planned clinic that will serve Crawford County residents and veterans from the surrounding area.

In the spring of 2011, the VA advertised for bids for property and a 9,000 square foot building for a Community Based Access Clinic. The clinic would have housed an audiology department.

Since then, the VA has scaled plans back. The planned clinic seeks a 3,500 square foot building. It will staff a registered nurse and a licensed nurse practitioner. Veterans will be able to communicate with medical experts via teleconferencing.

Benishek said he and his staff were not aware why plans were changed for the clinic.

"It's got to be an improvement to what has been here, and this process of having these county-based clinics is much better than having to go to Saginaw," Benishek said.

Benishek said the idea for the clinic was to cut down on travel time for veterans.

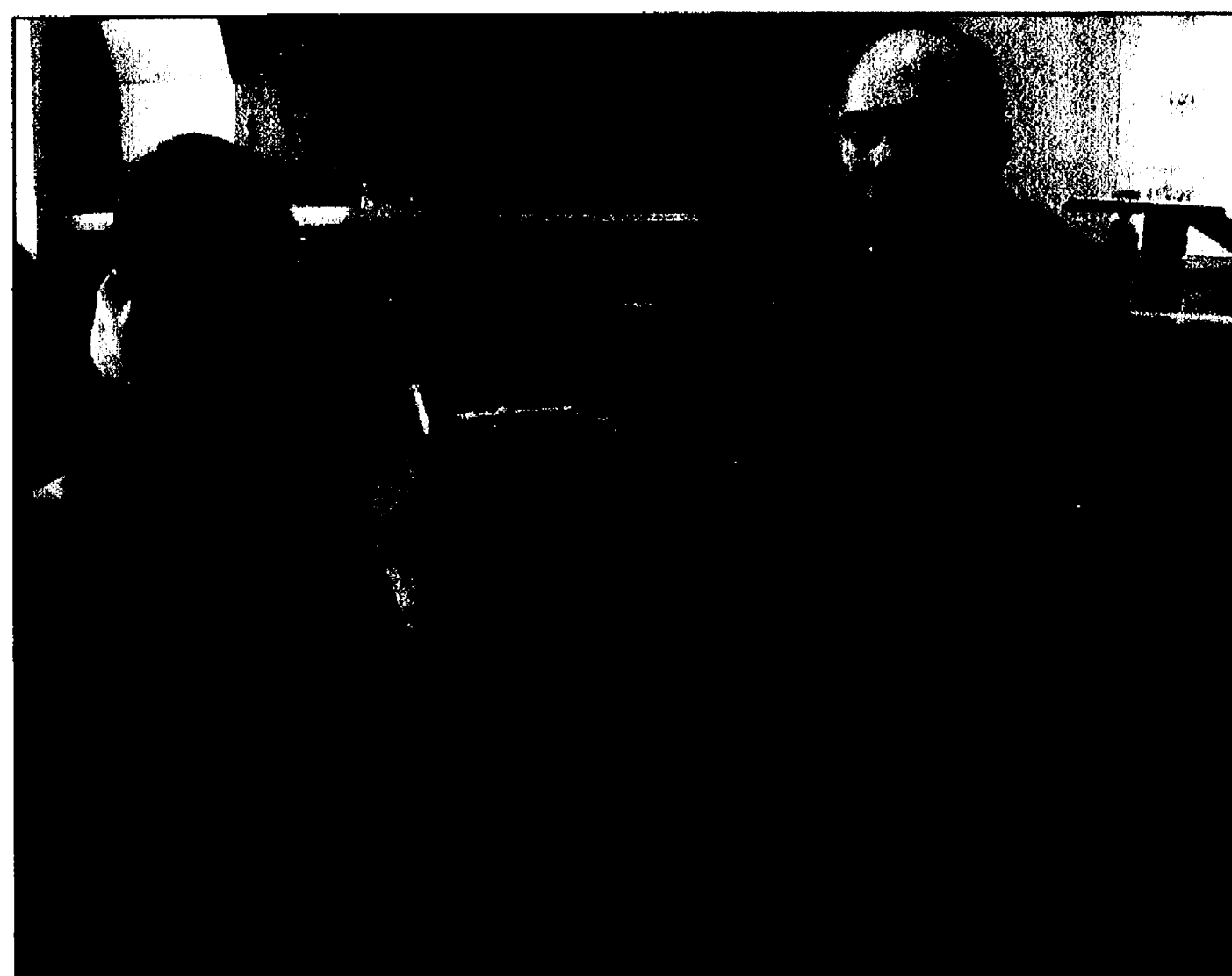
"You may still have to travel for more specific specialty care, but perhaps once you've had that initial consultation, you'll be able to talk to that same guy you've met in Grayling rather than go back," Benishek said. "I'm thinking that will be an improvement for Crawford County veterans, but we'll have to see as time goes by."

The clinic will be housed in a leased building rather than building a new facility.

"Since there are so many empty buildings here, they want to fill some of that empty space," said Denise Pallarito, a constituent

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ANIMAL SHELTER PROMOTES PET WELFARE WITH SHOT CLINIC



The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter hosted a shot clinic at the shelter on Saturday. A total 239 shots were given to 137 animals and shelter volunteers sold 117 Crawford County dog licenses over the course of five hours. The shelter will hold a spay and neuter clinic, funded through a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant, in the near future. Left, Dr. S.K. Bhuyan, a veterinarian from Kingsley, is pictured with Amy Stevenson and her terrier-mix, Casey, after administering a rabies shot.

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Senior Center serves up Valentine's Day dinner



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Over 100 area senior citizens attended a Valentine's Day dinner served at the Grayling Senior Center last week. Above, Puff Denton visits with Harvey Rowland as he enjoys his meal.

County approves roof replacement

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Crawford County officials are going for more bang for the buck as far as a thicker roof and longer warranty for the Crawford County Courthouse.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, at its ways and means meeting earlier this month, approved a bid of \$146,130 to replace the roof on the Crawford County Courthouse.

The roof will be replaced with a .060 thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) single-ply roofing membrane, which is .060 inches thick.

Great Lakes Roofing and Insulation System, Inc., which is based in Sault Ste. Marie, but has branch locations in Grayling and

Kalkaska, was awarded the bid to replace the roof.

Initially, Great Lakes Roofing proposed to place a .045 mill roof, which is .045 inches thick. That roof came with a 15-year warranty.

After doing some research and negotiations with the company, Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said the county could get a thicker roof and a 20-year warranty by paying an additional \$6,740.

The last time the roof was replaced was in the mid-1990s.

The roof for the Crawford County Courthouse, the Crawford County Jail and Crawford County carport will be replaced.

The roof will replace a ballast roof, which was cov-

ered with gravel.

"It's like anything else, 15 to 20 years later, the materials are better and the technology is better," Compo said. "Either way, we have to protect our assets."

The county will install walk pads used where the heating, ventilation and air conditioning units on the building are maintained.

"We're going to be up there quite a bit because we're pushing 15 years with the equipment we have right now," Compo said.

Brad Robinson, the maintenance director for Crawford County, will replace any damaged insulation as the project is being completed.

Compo said that the county would pay for the roof

replacement in one payment.

Just over a third of the funds will be paid through the county's courthouse preservation fund. The fund is built up by fees tacked onto traffic tickets for the purpose of maintaining the courthouse building.

Compo said there is currently \$58,500 in the courthouse preservation fund. The remaining funds will come from the county's general fund, and will be recouped once the courthouse preservation fund is replenished.

"We haven't touched the courthouse preservation fund and allowed it to build up because we knew that we needed to replace the roof," Compo said.

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A Crawford County jury found two men guilty for their involvement in stealing guns from area homes and cabins and trading them for drugs with Detroit gangs.

After a four day trial in Crawford County Circuit Court, a jury convicted Michael Joseph Beaver, 32, of Melvindale, for one count of home invasion first-degree, two counts of larceny of firearms and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Beaver's trial was consolidated with co-defendant,

Damon Dee Pamame, 40 of Mio, who was convicted of two counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms and two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Crawford County Prosecutor Everett Ayers said the case involved a home invasion, which occurred around Feb. 2, 2010. Numerous items were stolen from the residence, including firearms, tools and a safe. The crime was solved when Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Alexander recovered a cigarette butt left at the scene. The cigarette butt

was sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab. DNA obtained from the cigarette butt showed a match to Ryan Michael Plaga, 31 of Houghton Lake, who was later arrested. Plaga pled guilty to weapons-firearms-possession, weapons-firearms-felony, felony firearms and home invasion second-degree in on June 8, 2010.

Plaga, who is in the Crawford County Jail awaiting sentencing, testified against accomplices Beaver and Pamame, last week.

Testimony at the trial revealed that the guns stolen

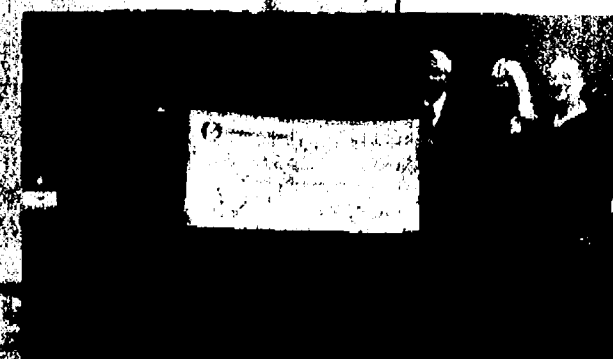
by the men were transported to Detroit, where they were exchanged for drugs with gang members.

A woman who testified as a defense witness was arrested, outside the courtroom after giving her testimony, for receiving and concealing stolen property.

46th Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy revoked the bonds for Beaver and Pamame, who are also in the Crawford County Jail awaiting sentencing.

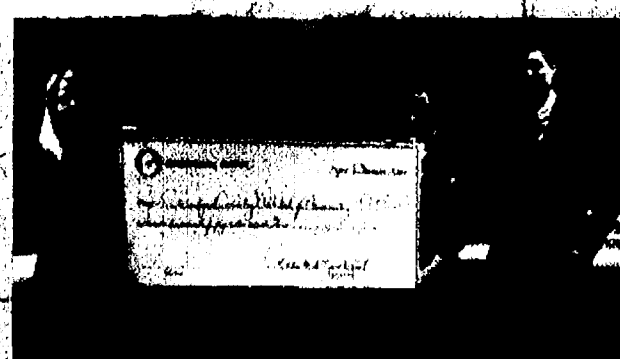
Beaver faces up to 30 years in prison, while Pamame faces up to 15 years behind bars.

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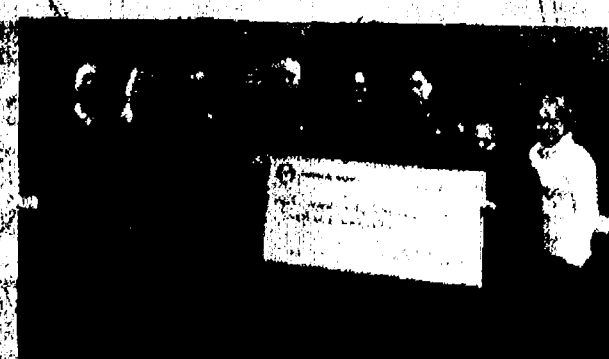
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School's gymnasium would be converted into central offices for the AuSable Primary School and Grayling Elementary School buildings. A heated waiting area would also be provided for parents.

Just outside of the new offices, 75 to 80 parking spaces would be created where the former bus loop was located.

Powers said that parking is one of the top complaints schools officials field regarding the schools, especially for events such as graduations, concerts and the science fair.

The bond would also pay to convert the Grayling Elementary School and AuSable Primary School cafeteria into what is being called the Crawford AuSable Performance Arena. The renovated facilities would provide a stage and room for band and music students. The stage would also be used for performances, science fairs, music concerts and other events. The space would also serve as a full-size multipurpose gymnasium with a rubber floor and would provide a large area for all elementary students.

The Grayling Elementary School's annual science fair was held last week.

"It was standing room only and people had to be out in the hall," Powers said. "That will be nice to have a full-size area where parents will actually be able to come in and see their children."

Boilers at the AuSable Primary School would also be replaced if the bond is

approved. Powers said the boilers were projected to last 15 years, and are now entering their 19th year of service.

Replacing the boilers is estimated to cost \$200,000, but the school district will save \$25,000 per year in decreased utility costs through enhanced technology.

"It's not only the pay off, but we wouldn't have to eliminate more jobs to pay for the boilers," Powers said.

Over the last decade, the Crawford AuSable School District has eliminated 89 jobs as school officials have been forced to slash \$7.5 million for its budget.

A total 67 percent of the positions were cut from the district's administrative staff, while central office staff has been slashed by 29 percent.

The Crawford AuSable School Board has focused on keeping teachers in front of students during the last 10 years of economic woes.

"The whole purpose of the bond is to reduce expenses so we can keep our teachers and that is our number one priority," Powers said. "We want to try to focus everything on our classrooms because it's for the students."

If the bond issue is approved, the school district will purchase six new busses, which covers student transportation needs for the next five years.

Powers said the Crawford AuSable School District is the 13th largest school district in the state, covering 520 square miles, and parents count on bussing to

safely get their children to and from school.

"The board took a look at our transportation and they do not feel like they can eliminate bussing," Powers said. "It's very important for students and our parents to continue to provide bussing. We put a lot of miles on our busses."

For the 2011-12 school year, the school district received \$1.2 million less from the state in school funding. School officials are anticipating a similar reduction this year, Powers said.

If voters give the bond issue a thumbs up, that would mean the district could keep providing up-to-date technology for students.

"We're got to prepare students for their world and their world revolves around technology," Powers said.

If passed, the school district's debt levy would increase from 4.9 mills up to 5.2 mills. The increase would mean that a homeowner, with a \$100,000 house with state equalized value of \$50,000, would pay an additional \$15 in taxes per year for the next four years. The bond would then drop down to 4.2 mills for debt previously approved to renovate and expand the Grayling High School.

Powers said enhancing the school facilities would help give the Crawford County economy a much-needed shot in the arm. In February, school facilities were used to host a Small Farm Conference, and statewide wrestling and basketball tournaments. Upgrading all school buildings would increase the use

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services representative for Benishek's Gaylord office.

About 20 people attended the question and answer session with Benishek Monday.

Charlotte Fairbotham, whose husband, William Fairbotham, served tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, said getting the clinic in the community is critical.

"It isn't where it's going to be," she said. "It's we need it."

Katie Tinker, whose husband Dana Metheny is a U.S. Army veteran, said getting the clinic open and employed with local people were concerns that she had.

"Veterans are near and dear to my heart," Tinker said. "Generations of our family have served."

Fairbotham agreed that veterans would be more at ease with familiar faces.

"I've been here all of my life, and they need somebody who they are comfortable with," she said.

While some citizens were frustrated that a larger facility is not coming to Grayling, they were encouraged to wait until the clinic is up and running before making a final decision.

"I don't think it's an end because it's easier to go from a smaller facility to a larger facility and you don't have to lay people off," said Douglas W. Robinson, a veteran's employee representative for the veterans service division of the Workforce Development Agency.

Steven Leusby, an Air Force veteran from Higgins

Lake who goes to the VA clinic in Gaylord, vowed to become more involved in finding more information about the clinic and how it will operate.

"We need to know who controls the purse strings," he said. "Once we get educated, we will be fine. I'm happy that we have something coming."

Benishek was headed to the Detroit regional office for the VA, to investigate why there is a backlog in veteran's claims.

"It's not pretty," he said. Benishek encouraged veterans to provide their input on the clinic and seek their assistance when filing claims for benefits.

"To do a claim on your own is just impossible," Benishek said.

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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

A little of this, a little of that

TIME ONCE MORE to take one of our infrequent strolls, barefoot among the potpourri ...

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PRESIDENTS WEEK – One of the important items I learned about American presidents during their special week is that President Jefferson is credited with introducing that old standby meal, macaroni and cheese, to the American diet.

Another is that George Washington, usually cited as the father of our nation, also is considered to be America's richest president.

According to a news item I read recently, George Washington owned nearly 60,000 acres and more than 300 slaves, which in today's dollars would be worth about \$525 million.

The same article claimed that if Mitt Romney is elected president, his wealth likely would rank him in the top four, based on his disclosure of net worth somewhere between \$190 million and \$250

million.

Other wealthy presidents included Thomas Jefferson, Herbert Hoover and John F. Kennedy, although Mr. Jefferson died in debt.

Less wealthy presidents listed included Abraham Lincoln, James Buchanan, Ulysses S. Grant and Harry S. Truman.

President Barack Obama was listed as worth \$2.2 million to \$7.5 million, amounts to be reckoned with but not at the top of the heap.

Nowadays presidents who aren't rich when they enter office are when they leave. That seems to go for many members of Congress, too.

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FLAG BURNING – I'll have to admit some sympathy with the actions of a Kent County man, who was upset by the order of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to fly the New Jersey state flag at half staff in honor of the late Whitney Houston.

John Burri of Wyoming, whose

son, Army Spc. Eric Burri, died in Iraq in 2005, located a flag store, paid \$12.95 for a New Jersey state flag, took it home and burned it on his outdoor grill as his own personal protest.

The ceremony of lowering flags should be reserved for those who gave their lives for their country, John Burri figured.

"It was a slap in the face. It cheapens the meaning of lowering that flag. They're watering down the meaning of a hero," he said, as reported in *The Detroit News*.

I agree. Whitney Houston may have been a very talented entertainer, and New Jersey Gov. Christie considered her a "cultural icon" and source of pride for New Jersey, but honoring her with a ritual usually and properly reserved for fallen military heroes is a bit much.

John Burri's response may be a bit dramatic, but he has it right.

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DOCTOR'S ORDER – One way to lift your spirits if you're

feeling down in the dumps or even a little blue is to dig into some chocolate.

That's the prescription cited in a publication called *The Doctors Book of Healing Foods*.

Chocolate is a wonderful mood booster, and among a number of delicious foods that give the brain the nutrients needed to be happy, according to the *Doctors Book*, which adds: "Deny yourself these essential nutrients and you could well be bringing on the blues."

So we all can use this rationalization: I really didn't want that Snickers bar but the doctor said it would make me feel better.

It works for me.

* * *

RIGHT TO WORK – Michigan is undergoing a lot of discussion about a right-to-work law which will get hotter if and when official consideration gets serious in the Michigan Legislature.

A key question is whether labor contracts can require workers to pay union dues even if they don't

want to join the union or even voted against it.

Indiana is the latest state to enact the right-to-work law. Consideration in Michigan is inevitable, sooner or later.

A summary paragraph in a recent *Detroit Free Press* story on the new Indiana law reads like this:

"Supporters say right-to-work helps attract employers. Opponents say it leads to lower wages and poorer quality jobs."

Both probably are right.

* * *

CLOSURE – One concluding thought:

As income tax time approaches, have you ever noticed that when you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells **THEIRS**?

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Letters to the Editor

CASD maintains competitive edge

To the editor:

The Crawford AuSable School District is recognized by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) as a high-performing district. CASD schools that tested in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) last year received "Best of Class" grades, meaning that their test scores were above the state average and have exceeded expectations as compared to similar schools. In addition, Grayling High School was named one of the best high schools in the United States by U.S. News & World Report and Newsweek magazines in 2010 - one of only 75 Michigan high schools to receive that honor. There are several factors contributing to this success.

First, the high school has a rewards program, called the Grayling Viking Renaissance program, sponsored by the Jostens Renaissance Program, which recognizes students for their grades and their behavior in school through incentives such as free passes to all sporting events and performance arts events to engage students in their high school experience. This has affected culture. Students are eligible based on their grade point average, behavior, and improvement in grade point average. According to Grayling High School principal Donna Boughner, when the program first started, 49 percent of the student body was part of the program. Now, that percentage has risen to 75 percent. Students become eligible for the program with a minimum GPA of 2.0 and a record of a rising GPA. They remain in the program if their grades continue to improve, and have good attendance and if they do not have any incidents of poor behavior. Ms. Boughner said that she has noticed that students are increasingly concerned about getting referrals as they would not want a referral to affect their standing in the program. The program is sustained in part because of the support it has received from Grayling-area businesses, parents, school board members, and other community

members. In fact, officials from other school districts have visited Grayling High School in order to learn about the success of its Renaissance program so that they can replicate it. Grayling High School now has one of the top five Renaissance programs in the state and is used as a national model.

Second, the high percentage of students rewarded through the Renaissance Program would not have been possible without the dedicated staff. According to Ms. Boughner, teachers are willing to do anything to help students and are always available - which she calls part of the culture at the high school. Teachers are willing to help both on an informal basis and through some of the programs the school has, such as the Freshman Five Initiative. With this initiative, each teacher is assigned five students with whom they become mentors for to help ensure that no one slips through the cracks. Therefore, those teachers can help students with personal and academic problems as they arise. Ensuring students are successful in their freshman year is particularly important as research has shown that students who fail just two of their core classes in their freshman year are highly likely to drop out of school. Therefore, catching problems as early as possible in students high school careers helps ensure their later academic success and eventual graduation.

Third, Grayling High School is using a variety of technology initiatives to provide the staff with more options on how to give and prepare lessons, which will in turn help students become more tech-savvy. Teachers are assisted in part by a staff member who is a specialist in classroom technology integration, so that teachers can integrate technology like using mobile devices and applications like Google docs in their teaching. Ms. Boughner is conducting a pilot program to use iPads as a way for teachers to use different media to plan and carry out their lessons. Ms. Boughner said that depending on the success of the pilot program, more

teachers may soon be using TPads for their lessons and would eventually like them to be available to all students. Ms. Boughner has used funds from a state technology grant to experiment with having teachers record their lessons then they can send them home, which will provide students with more learning opportunities. Students can review lessons repeatedly if they need to.

Fourth, teachers also have formal times to work together through their professional learning communities. They are grouped with colleagues to discuss pedagogical and student-related issues on a weekly basis along with daily analysis to drive decision making. These communities have facilitated teachers collaboration by enabling them to work together and learn together with colleagues in other disciplines and grades. Each community is charged with 10 students considered at risk, but who are not in special education. By tracking their grades, meeting with them regularly, and reviewing their homework with them, students have another support system available to them after their freshman year to extend their Freshman Five experience.

Fifth, it has also become easier to pinpoint which students are struggling in particular areas through the district's increased use of data. Ms. Boughner credits Joe Powers, the superintendent, who began a collaboration with the Northwest Evaluation Association to test all students on a national standardized test in order to diagnose their specific academic needs. Since working with the Northwest Evaluation Association, the entire district has greatly improved its ability to use data. There is even a data manager to help teachers.

"Our district has shown significant student achievement over the last five years. Our district's improvement is based on the teamwork of students, parents, and staff all working toward student success," said Superintendent Joe Powers.

Richard Febey
Grayling

Do the right thing, return the fish

To the editor:

Pastor Pat Robbins came to Grayling last July to his new charge as pastor of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church with his lovely wife, Karen. Pulling up stakes in the Caro area after serving many years there, Pastor Pat and Karen felt blessed to be in the pristine northern air of northern Michigan. Grayling and Michelson Church welcomed them with open arms.

Perhaps you've met or seen him around town with his bigger than life stature, full beard and maybe even his pink suit with shoes to match. Or maybe you've noticed his big white pickup truck with a magnetized fish on the door. Yes, he's an avid fisherman too.

While shopping at Glen's last Friday, Feb. 17, evidently someone thought they needed that 20 year possession of Pastor Pat's more than he did and stole the fish off the door. To add insult to injury, Pastor Pat had just lost a fishing buddy the day before so it really wasn't his week for good luck. Welcome to Grayling, Pastor Pat! Whoever "borrowed" the fish will only have God to answer to.

Do the right thing ... return the magnetized fish to the church on Michigan Ave., no questions asked. His whole congregation will be watching for that fish! We love you, Pastor Pat!

Ron and Kay Wood
Grayling

Existing bond should be paid off before additional bond is considered

To the editor:

In their brochure promoting the CASD bond millage, Superintendent Joe Powers states that "CASD schools are the second largest employer in Crawford County." CASD is not an employer, the Crawford County taxpayer is the employer. In fact if you include the county and township governments and Kirtland Community College, the taxpayer is the largest employer in the county.

The real employers of Crawford County should vote No on the bus and facility millage bond question on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The existing bond debt should be paid off before an additional bond is considered. Isn't paying off debt what it's all about these days?

C. David Church
Roscommon

Briefs

COA to hold an evening of karaoke

The COA and Senior Center will host an evening of Karaoke. Bob Jorgenson will be the emcee for the evening. It is open to anyone who enjoys music and having lots of fun. This free event will be at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at 308 Lawndale Street, Grayling. For additional information, call 989-348-7123.

Relay for Life Kickoff party to be held

Relay for Life of Crawford County will hold a Kickoff Party on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m., at Michelson Methodist Church. Dinner is included. For more information, call Molly Paquin at 231-268-3344, or molly.paquin@cancer.org.

CCUW accepting funding requests

Crawford County United Way is seeking applications from local charitable health and human service agencies and organizations for fund distribution throughout 2012-2013. To receive an application, email crawforduw@gmail.com or call 989-350-4462. The deadline to submit applications is April 2, 2012. Donations are also needed and should be sent to CCUW, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738. All donations are tax deductible and stay in our community.

Skiing by Lantern Light to be held

Cross country skiing by Lantern Light will be held at Hartwick Pines State Park on Feb. 25, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A Michigan State Park Passport is required to enter park.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

A safeTALK Suicide Alertness for Everyone workshop to be held

A one-day safeTALK Suicide Alertness for Everyone workshop will be held on March 9, from 9 a.m. to noon, for community members with all levels of helping experience interested in learning practical skills to competently and confidently connect a person at risk of suicide to help.

By the end of the three-hour workshop, participants will be prepared as an alert helper, capitalize on opportunities to help someone with thoughts of suicide, recognize when a person might be having thoughts of suicide, engage in direct and open discussion about suicide, identify resources available to help and connect a person at-risk for suicide, have confidence in being an effective resource yourself, and be part of a team improving the community's response to suicide.

Cost is \$40 which includes materials and refreshments. A discounted fee of \$30 for social work/counseling students and for agencies with three or more attendees. There are a limited number of scholarships available on a

first come first served basis. The workshop will take place at NMC University Center, Room 07, 2200 Dendrin Drive, Traverse City. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Space is limited registration due by March 2.

Participants can receive 3 Social Work CE hours.

The safeTALK Suicide Alertness workshop is presented by Mickie Jannazzo, LMSW, LPC, Third Level Crisis Center.

Serving Northern Lower Michigan for 40 years, Third Level provides immediate, free, flexible services. Services include 24/7 crisis counseling, a free legal aid clinic, Pete's Place youth shelter, youth and family services, street outreach, information and referral services and more.

To register, go to Third Level Crisis Intervention Center's web site at www.thirdlevel.org and download the registration form. For more information, call Third Level at (231) 922-4800 or (800) 442-7315 and ask for Elizabeth.

Third Level Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) organization.

United Way to host Community Conversation on education

Crawford County United Way will host "The Future of Education" Community Conversation early next month, giving parents, students, employers and educators an opportunity to lend their voices to the future of education in Michigan.

Over the next year, The Center for Michigan will hold conversations in communities across the state from Port Huron to the Upper Peninsula to Benton Harbor. The Center aims to ensure that Community Conversation participants fully represent all of Michigan, including those in lower income levels and rural communities.

The Center for Michigan, a nonprofit, nonpartisan "think-and-do" tank, was formed to cure Michigan's unhealthy hyper-partisan political culture and reinvigorate the state's broken policy apparatus by calling forth a bottom-up, common ground citizen's agenda for Michigan's transformation. The Center strives to be the state's "Citizenship Company."

The Center never endorses political parties or candidates for office. Instead, it seeks to frame public issues with public input and outline for public leaders what the public wants. Its work is supported by many of Michigan's leading foundations, businesses and individuals.

Community Conversations are one of The Center's leading "products." Since 2007, The Center has gathered more than 10,500 people in community conversations across the state. The "Michigan's Defining Moment" public engagement campaign resulted in a citizen's agenda taken up by political candidates of both major political parties, and was the subject of televised political debates in 2010, including the only gubernatorial debate.

Candidates for governor and the legislature seek out these public reports because they want to know what you're thinking and what your priorities are for the state's future. Elected officials have acted on concerns growing out of these conversations, including making changes in state law to address these issues.

In 2012, The Center will hold up to 250 Community Conversations solely focused on the future of education and student learning. It is committed to accurately representing the diverse views we hear across the state from students, parents, job providers, educators, and other community members.

The Center aims to engage thousands of people across Michigan in these discussions in hopes of ensuring that the perspectives of Michigan residents on education are fully considered in the 2012 elections and by the newly elected state legislators once they reach Lansing in January 2013.

The Center has four main goals for these conversations:

- Expand the knowledge of students, parents, employers and educators about the education choices facing Michigan today.

- Gather the perspectives and preferences of Michigan residents on major education policy and reform choices under debate in Michigan and around the country.

- Amplify the voices of Michigan residents and press state decision makers to follow participant recommendations on how best to improve students' prospects for future success.

- Provide participants with options on how to become more involved in improving educational opportunities for students in their own communities.

"This is a great opportunity to add your voice to the future of education in our community and in Michigan," said Cheryl Ruley, Executive Director of Crawford County United Way. "I really hope to see a full house for this conversation that is sure to reach Lansing."

"The Future of Education" Community Conversation will be held Tuesday, March 6, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the meeting room of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling. There is no charge to participate. Seating is limited, so please reserve your seat by March 1, by calling Crawford County United Way at (989) 350-4462 or email crawforduw@gmail.com. Attendees may also add their names to the sign up sheet at the library.

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NCMCF announces grant deadline

North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) Crawford County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) announces a March 30 deadline for applications for the March 2012 grant cycle.

Applications are available on the foundations website at www.ncmcf.org or by calling NCMCF at 877-354-6881.

Applications may be submitted online or by mail to the NCMCF office at PO Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707, and must be postmarked by the deadline date.

Applicants may request up to \$1,000 for projects and programs that benefit youth under the age of 18 in Crawford county. Mini-grants in the amount of \$300 are also available.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 19 of \$25 each: Geno Mastroeni, John McLeod, Maureen McNamara, Rocky Tobin and June Petty.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Feb. 10 was Dave Walton and Feb. 17 was Daniel Chace.

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The Bible Speaks

Christ Pleased Not Self

Romans 15:1 taught us to bear the burdens of the weak and not to please ourselves. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Romans 15:2 taught us to please our neighbor by building him up for his good. "Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification." Romans 15:3, illustrates these truths by the supreme example of our Lord Jesus Christ: "3For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me."

First "Christ pleased not himself," but His heavenly Father in all things. He said in John 5:20: "30I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." He said in John 6:38: "38For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." He said in John 8:29: "29And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." Jesus reminded us His example included us in John 15:10: "10If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

Second, Christ preached the Holy Scriptures: "...but, as it is written..." I counted 20 times Jesus used the phrase, "It is written." Also the phrase "have ye not read" was repeatedly used by Jesus referring to the Holy Scriptures. In Luke 24:27 Jesus reminded His disciples he was the subject even of Old Testament Scriptures: "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Jesus taught in Mark 12:24 that ignorance of scrip-

tures leads to error: "24And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?"

Third, Christ practiced the Holy Scriptures by bearing the reproach for our sins: "...The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me." He was quoting Psalm 69:9: "9For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." One setting for the fulfillment of this scripture was the annual Passover at the temple in Jerusalem. (1 Corinthians 5:7 reminds us that "Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.") He came to die for our sins thereby fulfilling the Old Testament sacrificial system once for all. "12Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." (Hebrews 9:12) "12But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."

Read one fulfillment of this prophesy at the Jewish Passover in John 2:13-17. After Jesus made a whip and drove the money changers and animals out of the temple. He said: "...Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. 17And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10). "...The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." (1 John 4:14). Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

87th District Court

Sentencings for January 2012

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister
Mary Jo Doyle, age 30 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Jan. 20, 2012, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$363 in fines or serve 36 days in jail.

Uri Balcom Grannis IV, age 26 of Petoskey - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2012, for careless driving; ordered to pay \$200 in fines.

Troy Brett Daniel, age 47 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Jan. 17, 2012, for reckless driving; ordered to pay \$443 in fines or serve 44 days in jail; placed on probation for 91 days.

Jeremiah Anderson-Bootz, age 22 of Rapid City - Sentenced on Jan. 17, 2012, for reckless driving; ordered to serve four days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$613 in fines or serve 61 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Anita Mack, age 71 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Jan. 17, 2012, for animals-abandoning/cruelty to one animal; ordered to pay \$1,833 in fines and \$3,664.94 in restitution or serve 81 days in jail; ordered to serve 12 days in jail with credit for 12 days served; placed on probation for 731 days; ordered to serve 100 community service hours.

John Clemens Marcinkewicz II, age 42 of Big Rapids - Sentenced on Jan. 17, 2012, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$613 in fines or serve 61 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Elizabeth Brianne Ferris, age 19 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Jan. 24, 2012, for larceny over \$200 less than \$1,000; ordered to pay \$978 in fines or serve 97 days in jail; placed on pro-

bation for 121 days.

Mark Glenn Fitzgerald, age 48 of Kilmarnock - Sentenced on Jan. 3, 2012, for malicious destruction of personal property less than \$200; ordered to pay \$703 in fines and \$331.68 in restitution or serve 93 days in jail.

Jessie Marie Smock, age 29 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 3, 2012, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$963 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Jeremy Joseph Bissonette, age 24 of Harbor Springs - Sentenced on Jan. 3, 2012, for controlled substance use of marijuana and open alcohol in a motor vehicle; ordered to serve six days in jail; ordered to pay \$896 in fines or serve 83 days in jail; placed on probation for 364 days.

Terrence John Burke, age 56 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2012, for larceny less than \$200; ordered to pay \$508 in fines or serve 50 days in jail.

Karie Marie Naumiec, age 42 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2012, for fraud-welfare \$500 or less; ordered to serve seven days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,078 in fines or serve 83 days in jail; placed on probation for 730 days.

Robert James Kayga, age 41 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2012, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve three days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$353 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

Timothy Edward Driver, age 26 of Harrison - Sentenced on Jan. 17, 2012, for license suspended/revoked-allowed

another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve 12 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$353 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

John Anthony Schlaff, age 41 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2012, for domestic violence; ordered to serve 45 days in jail with credit for 45 days served; ordered to pay \$803 in fines or serve 33 days in jail.

April Gail Niese, age 31 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 24, 2012, for disturbance of the peace; ordered to pay \$773 in fines or serve 77 days in jail; placed on probation for 121 days.

Levi Wayne Hazelton, age 25 of Kentwood - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2012, for domestic violence; ordered to pay \$813 in fines or serve 65 days in jail; placed on probation for 365 days.

Allen James Wakeley, age 27 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2012, for obstruct trail to prevent public use; ordered to pay \$165 in fines.

Ryan Michael Sartin, age 32 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 17, 2012, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$263 in fines or serve 26 days in jail.

Bonnie Sue Latsek, age 38 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2012, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve six days in jail with credit for six days served; ordered to pay \$353 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

Mitchell Patrick Alimenti, age 21 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2012, for controlled substance use; ordered serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,798 in fines or serve 179 days in jail; placed on pro-

bation for 365 days.

Tammara Stevenson, age 35 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2012, for non-sufficient check under \$100; ordered to serve 15 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$343 in fines and \$178.38 in restitution or serve 51 days in jail; placed on probation for 121 days.

Codey Allan Sisson, age 21 of Boyne Falls - Sentenced on Jan. 10, 2012, for no license in possession; ordered to pay \$143 in fines.

Mark Lindsey Trinka, age 24 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 24, 2012, for disorderly person/drunken; ordered to serve four days in jail with credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$723 in fines or serve 72 days in jail; placed on probation for 121 days.

Daniel Enoch Hukabay, age 30 of Gaylord - Sentenced on Jan. 31, 2012, for controlled substance possession of marijuana and operate while visibly impaired; ordered to serve 10 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,541 in fines or serve 154 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Nicholas Glen Terry, age 24 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 17, 2012, no valid license in possession; ordered to pay \$143 in fines or serve 14 days in jail.

Annette Elizabeth McCleave, age 38 of Mancelona - Sentenced on Jan. 24, 2012, for no valid license in possession; ordered to pay \$143 in fines or serve 14 days in jail.

Joshua Jacob Jackson, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 24, 2012, for operating with the presence of a controlled substance; ordered to pay \$1,013 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 24 - Lunch-BBQ pork on a bun, cole slaw, Brussels sprouts and an apple. No Dinner. 10

a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo, pool - 9 Ball.

Monday, Feb. 27 - Lunch - fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, baked beans and an apple. Dinner - shepards pie, cauliflower and grapes. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. Bunco, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hearing Clinic.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, carrots and pears.

Dinner - tuna steak, scalloped potatoes, peas and applesauce. Election Day. 10 a.m. Zumba Gold and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Foot Clinic-appointment required, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 29 - Lunch - macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts and mixed fruit. Dinner - baked ham,

marshmallow sweet potatoes, California blend and an apple turnover. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool-Ball in Hand, Wii Bowling and Mahjong, 5:30 p.m. Karaoke.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 65 complaints the week of Feb. 13 - Feb. 19.

One EMS response, 16 general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, one robbery-street-other weapon, one larceny-personal property from vehicle, two larcenies, one fraud, one resisting officer, six disorderly conduct complaints, one motor vehicle accident-failed to stop, one operating under the influence, one food-

mis-branded, two miscellaneous arrests, 11 traffic accidents, two accidents-non-traffic, three traffic violations-civil infractions, two traffic safety public appearances, one hazardous condition, three investigations-family trouble, four suspicious situations and three driving on revoked/suspended license complaints.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

Range Firing

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period March 1-7:

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), March 1-7.

This firing schedule is

subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Library News

"Teenealogy" will be on Friday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. at Devereaux Memorial Library, teens and tweens can have fun exposing the skeletons in their closets. Sign up for genealogy and snacks by calling Miss Connie at 989-348-9214.

The C.C.L.L. (Crawford County Library Literary)

Book Club will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. This month's selection is "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards. The discussion will be led by Mary Smock. New members are always welcome.

Honors

Saginaw Valley State University
Saginaw Valley State University's chapter of the National College Honor Scholarship Society Alpha Chi inducted 49 new members on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Local students inducted from the area were Michael Reck, a computer information systems major from Grayling and Lyssa York, an elementary education major from Roscommon.



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Three-year Bovine TB Risk Mitigation Project a success

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services (WS), and four Michigan Conservation Districts (CDs) have successfully reached their three-year goal of protecting Michigan cattle farms in the highest risk areas for bovine Tuberculosis (TB).

The \$3.6 million project is a combined effort between Michigan's cattlemen, local conservation districts, state and federal government agencies, and Michigan State University Extension to aid producers with their risk mitigation methods in northern lower Michigan.

"Wildlife Risk Mitigation Plans are required in order for farms to sell cattle without follow-up testing. These plans use fencing and other management techniques designed to keep wild white-tailed deer, which are known reservoirs for bovine TB, from contaminating feed and water sources on cattle farms in Northern Lower Michigan," said Dr. Rick Smith, MDARD's Wildlife Risk Mitigation Program (WRMP) Coordinator. "We were pleased to learn the Alpena Conservation District and staff received special recognition for their outstanding efforts in delivering the Wildlife Risk Mitigation Project," Smith said. "We could not have accomplished our goal of implementing the WRM Initiative on Michigan cattle farms without their help."

The Alpena Conservation District (CD) and staff accepted the awards during the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts Annual Convention awards banquet on Dec. 8. Alpena Conservation District's Randall Mellberg and Emily Sewell, TB Conservationists in the Alpena CD office, were specifically recognized for their outstanding contributions to the development and implementation of WRMP in the state.

"We're extremely appreciative of Randy and Emily's contributions; and those of all the Conservation District staff," said Pete Butchko, Michigan's USDA WS State Director. "Working together works."

Wildlife Risk Mitigation was an initiative of both USDA Wildlife Services and MDARD in early 2003. Pilot projects conducted by USDA's scientists on cervid facilities and cattle farms in northern Michigan found that tools such as fencing, hay storage units, and the use of dogs lowered the risk of disease transmission. MDARD began the official sign-up program in 2009, and since then nearly 900

cattle producers have participated in the Wildlife Risk Mitigation Project to assess their on-farm risks and complete biosecurity plans. Ninety-four percent have become risk mitigated.

In addition to completing risk assessments and biosecurity plans, Mellberg and Sewell have facilitated the construction and cost-sharing of 65 feed security hoop barns and a handful of fencing projects in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Presque Isle counties. To date, livestock producers have accessed more than \$1.2 million in assistance funding, and have invested an additional \$401,000 of personal funds in improvement to farm biosecurity.

Earlier in 2011, Michigan U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow secured \$1.5 million in funding for cattle producers in 11 counties (Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle) in the Northern Lower Peninsula through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Producers match these funds with 25 percent of their own money.

Additionally, Kenneth Parsons, a Conservation Technical Assistance Initiative (CTAI) Specialist in the Alpena CD office; and Kenny Papes, a CTAI Engineer in the Otsego CD office, were recognized for their efforts to significantly increase the number of producers signing up for federal EQIP funding.

Parsons and Papes completed their work associated with the TB Initiative/EQIP sign-up under short deadlines. The efforts provided financial and technical assistance to cattle producers with the implementation of conservation practices and strategies designed to reduce the spread of Bovine TB. Enrollment in EQIP has helped cattle producers move toward becoming Risk Mitigated and in maintaining their market access.

Conservation practices funded with Bovine TB Initiative/EQIP funds include: brush management, cattle access control, cattle trails and walkways, fencing, forage harvest management, heavy use area protection, pasture and hayland planting, prescribed grazing, roof runoff structures, stream crossings, underground outlets, water pipelines, water tanks, waste facility cover, waste storage facilities, wells and windbreaks. All of the \$1.5 million in funding was allocated; and 87 livestock producers' EQIP contracts were approved for implementation. Some conservation practices were completed in 2011 and others will be completed in 2012.

The 14,000 cattle producers in Michigan, which maintain 1.2 million beef and dairy animals, benefit from the Bovine TB Eradication and Wildlife Risk Mitigation Programs because transmission of the disease is prevented, thus allowing access to national and international markets. In 2011, 57 Lower Michigan counties joined the Upper Peninsula in obtaining Bovine TB-Free Status.

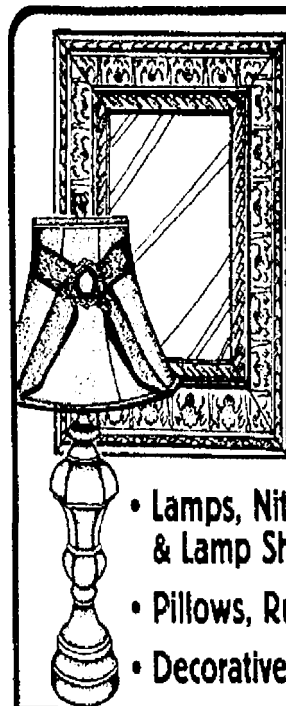
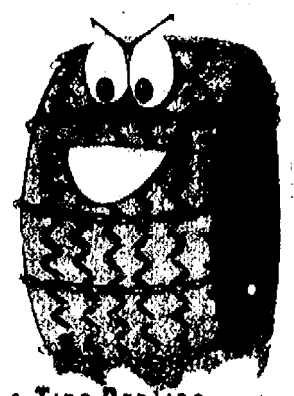
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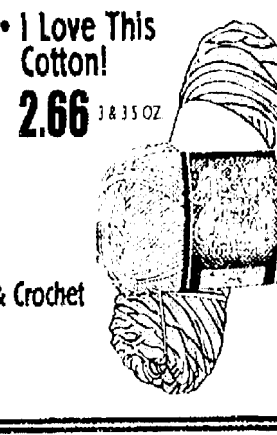


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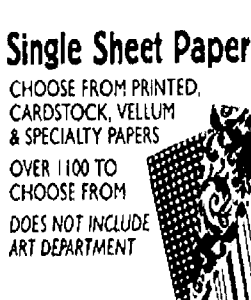
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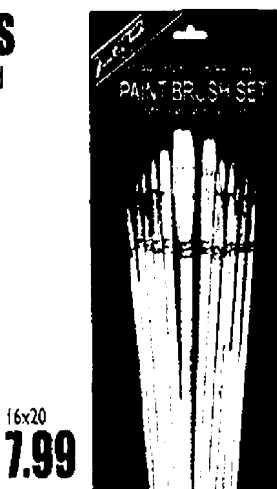


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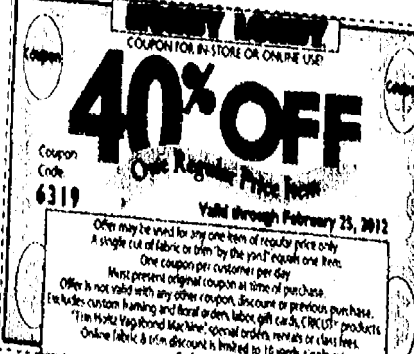
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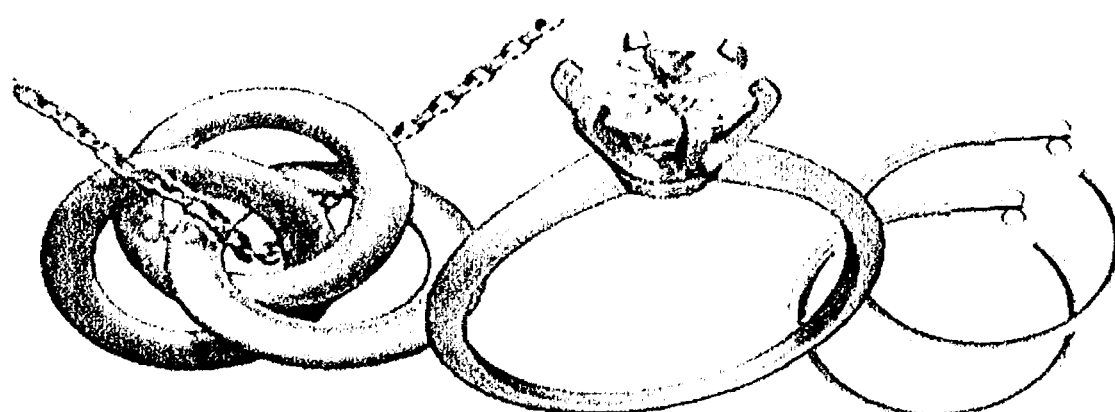
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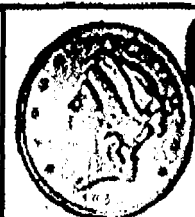
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NEMCOG receives funding from the US EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to work with area communities

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) received funding from the US EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The funding will enable NEMCOG to work with communities in the Lake Huron Watershed in Northeast Michigan (NEMI).

The project promotes collaboration between citizens, organizations, communities, & agencies within the NEMI Lake Huron Watershed. The process will identify common issues and promote environmentally responsible decision making.

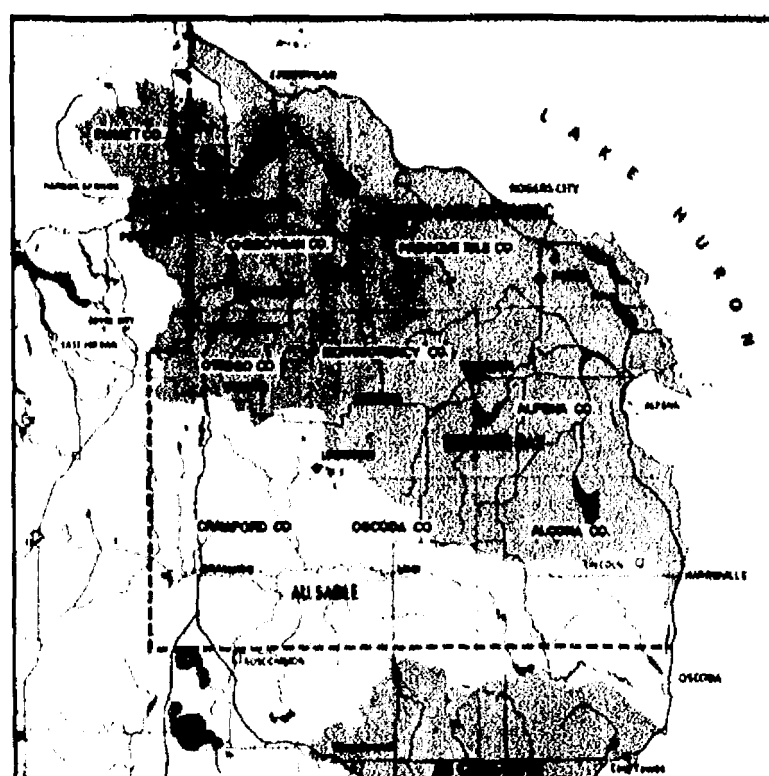
Outreach and educational activities will provide greater understanding of environmental conditions and identify roles of individuals and communities in protecting their natural resources. The NEMI Lake Huron Community Collaboration web site will support networking and information sharing by providing opportunities for ongoing collaboration, planning & data accessibility.

An indirect benefit of the project will be to interact and learn from our Canadian colleagues who have been working on a similar effort called the

Georgian Bay-Lake Huron Watershed Initiative. NEMCOG has partnered with Michigan Sea Grant, MSU Extension, Huron Pines RC&D Council and Land Information Access Association (LIAA) to complete the three year program.

The project will accomplish the following actions:

- Outreach and Technical Assistance
- Re-establish the Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (WRAC) to guide the project.
- Review community planning administration, master plans and zoning ordinances in the coastal communities to determine each community's level of commitment to resource conservation and water quality protection.
- Select three to four communities to work with to develop a community-wide resource plan or update their master plan to include a resource-orientated component.
- Select three to four communities to work with to update their zoning and incorporate regulations that better protect their natural resources.
- Work in partnership with LIAA to develop a web



Lake Huron Watershed District

presence and provide opportunities for information sharing and community collaboration.

- NEMCOG Academy
- Work in partnership with Huron Pines RC&D Council to sponsor a Northeast Michigan - Lake Huron Watershed Summit.
- Work in partnership with Michigan Sea Grant to sponsor a Northeast Michigan - Lake Huron Watershed Youth Summit.
- Work in partnership with Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) to conduct regional community planning and zoning work-

shops that focus on providing tools for communities to use for water and natural resource protection.

- Workshops on natural resource base and the inter-relationship land and aquatic resources will concentrate on Coastal Terrestrial, Coastal Wetlands and Near-shore Zone ecological processes, values, and conservation opportunities.
- Four landowner workshops, one workshop held in each of the four coastal counties.
- Four local officials' workshops and four landowner workshops.

Births

Kerri Heinz and Daniel Mathey of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Ethan James, born born at Mercy Hospital on February 7, 2012 at 6:24 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 5 ozs., and mea-

suring 18 1/2 inches length.

Martha Rae Duby and Thomas Eric Wellman of Frederic, announce the birth of a son, Ross Lawrence, born born at Mercy Hospital

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Ashley Haenftling and Joshua Mahan of Grayling,

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Small business owners form Michigan Main Street Leadership Council

Job makers and small business owners across the state today announced the formation of the new Michigan Main Street Leadership Council, a steering committee that will work with lawmakers in Lansing to close the Internet sales tax loophole, level the playing field for local businesses on "main street" and protect Michigan jobs. The state House of Representatives is currently considering bipartisan House Bills 5004 and 5005 that would close the loophole and recognize that a sale is a sale.

"Job makers are standing together across Michigan asking lawmakers to do the right thing and level the playing field for small businesses," said James P. Hallan, President and CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association, which represents 12,000 individual storefronts. "A sale is a sale is a sale but because of the Internet sales tax loophole, out-of-state online-only mega retailers like Amazon are able to sell products at a six percent discount, making it harder for local job makers to succeed. The Michigan Main Street Leadership Council believes the state's tax code should be fair and should no longer threaten Michigan jobs."

The Michigan Main Street Leadership Council is made up of small business owners and job makers from across the state, including: James

Hallan, Michigan Retailers Association; Jamie Nye, Great Turtle Toys, Clarkston and Mackinac Island; Thomas "Bert" Weidner, Woodward Camera, Birmingham; Ron Estes, Associate General Counsel, Center Management Services, Birmingham; Barb Stein, Great Northern Trading Co., Rockford; Matt Norcross - McLean and Eakin Booksellers, Petoskey; Kim Volz - The Dive Shop, Flint; Sue Majerek - Majerek's, Niles; Gary Foote - Woodcraft of West Michigan, Grand Rapids; Tim Webster, Websters Pro-Shop, Gaylord and Petoskey; Bill Golden, Golden Shoes, Traverse City; Ken Vos, Gameroom Gallery, Holland; Candy Lancioni, Aunt Candy's Toy Company, Rockford; Lynn McDowell - McDowell's of Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge; and Carla Merrill, Norm Henry Shoes, Owosso

"At our stores we are fighting every day to make the sale, to provide jobs and to contribute to our communities," said Kim Volz, owner of the Dive Shop in Flint. "Every day we lose sales to shoppers who are able to purchase the item from an online retailer that does not collect Michigan's sales tax. The price is often the same, but the sales tax makes the difference. This is a fairness issue and we need to do something about it now."

When consumers buy a product online, Michigan law says the consumer must pay the same sales tax he or she would if buying the product from a store in person. Under Michigan's current sales tax collection system, out-of-state, online-only retailers are exploiting the massive legal loophole, allowing them to forgo collecting sales tax at the point of sale. Online-only retailers use this loophole to attract shoppers away from brick-and-mortar businesses by using deceptively lower prices, since Michigan retailers must add — and collect — the 6-percent sales tax to the customer's bill. As a result, Main Street businesses are put at a significant competitive disadvantage that puts Michigan's business community at risk.

Last fall Representatives Eileen Kowall and Jim Ananich introduced the Michigan Main Street Fairness Act, a bipartisan legislative package that protects job makers across the state by closing the sales tax loophole putting Michigan businesses at risk.

To close the sales tax loophole the Michigan Main Street Fairness Act:

- Moves online-only retailers under the same sales tax collection laws under which Michigan brick-and-mortar businesses operate; and
- Expands the definition of "nexus" or "physical presence" to include retailers

who conduct business through affiliate businesses in Michigan or own subsidiary companies in an attempt to avoid paying sales tax.

According to a report by Lansing-based Public Sector Consultants, the sales tax loophole has a significant negative impact on job makers and the state's economy. The study found that closing the loophole would directly lead to the creation of as many as 1,600 new jobs, would increase investment in Michigan's economy in the form of sales at brick-and-mortar retail outlets by as much as \$126 million per year and would save the state as much as \$141.5 million in otherwise lost sales tax revenue from electronic remote sales in 2012 alone.

The Michigan Main Street Leadership Council will provide an organized voice in Lansing for retailers from across Michigan who last year formed the Michigan Alliance for Main Street Fairness, a coalition of hundreds of job makers calling for common-sense updates to Michigan's tax system to ensure there is a level playing field for both small businesses and online-only retailers concerning the collection of sales taxes. More information about the coalition can be found at www.standwithmainstreet.com/michigan.

Military News

Major General Jerry Cannon retired from the Michigan Army National Guard after 37 years of military service. A ceremony with family and friends was held in his honor Feb. 18, in Grayling.

Cannon is the Assistant Adjutant General-Army, Michigan National Guard. He is proud of his enlisted service in both the United States Marine Corps and Army; he received his commission as Second Lieutenant in 1978

through the Michigan Military Academy Officer Candidate School. He began his military career in June 1967 when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam from November 1967 through January 1969; as a combat veteran he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 1970.

Cannon enlisted in the Michigan Army National Guard in 1977; he has served as a Company Commander,

Installation Provost Marshal, Deputy Commander Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center, Deputy Brigade Commander and Commanding General of the 177th Military Police Brigade and Commanding General of the 46th Military Police Command.

Cannon and his wife of 42 years, Liz, have three sons Jerry Jr.

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Three shooters advance to state finals



Three shooters from Grayling – (pictured, L to R) Justin Nicholas, Alaina Moffit, and Jake Hinkle – finished first in their age divisions at the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Regional Competition held at Gaylord this past weekend. Seven competitors from Grayling qualified for the regional event and three moved on to the state meet, which is slated for March 18 at Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart. Nicholas (12) made 17 of 25 free throws at regionals. Moffit (9) hit 12 of 25. Hinkle (14) made 20 of 25 and then won on a tiebreaker, making 8 of 10.

Young racers complete Hanson Hills ski program



The Hanson Hills Race Team (HHRT) – a program that teaches ski racing to young people – recently completed its four-week season. The HHRT was sponsored by AuSable Family Dental and the Oppermann family, which has a long tradition of racing and volunteer work at Hanson Hills. They provided all the medals and free sweatshirts to participants. “The program is run by local volunteers with a background in ski racing who want to ensure young skiers get the opportunity to try racing at an early age,” a Hanson Hills official said. “Getting a child on skis is the best way to make skiers for life, but getting them to run through gates is the way to make champions.” Katie Olson, a former Grayling Viking ski racer, spearheaded the Sunday afternoon program. Kids were awarded weekly medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in their age divisions and champion medals for total overall performance.

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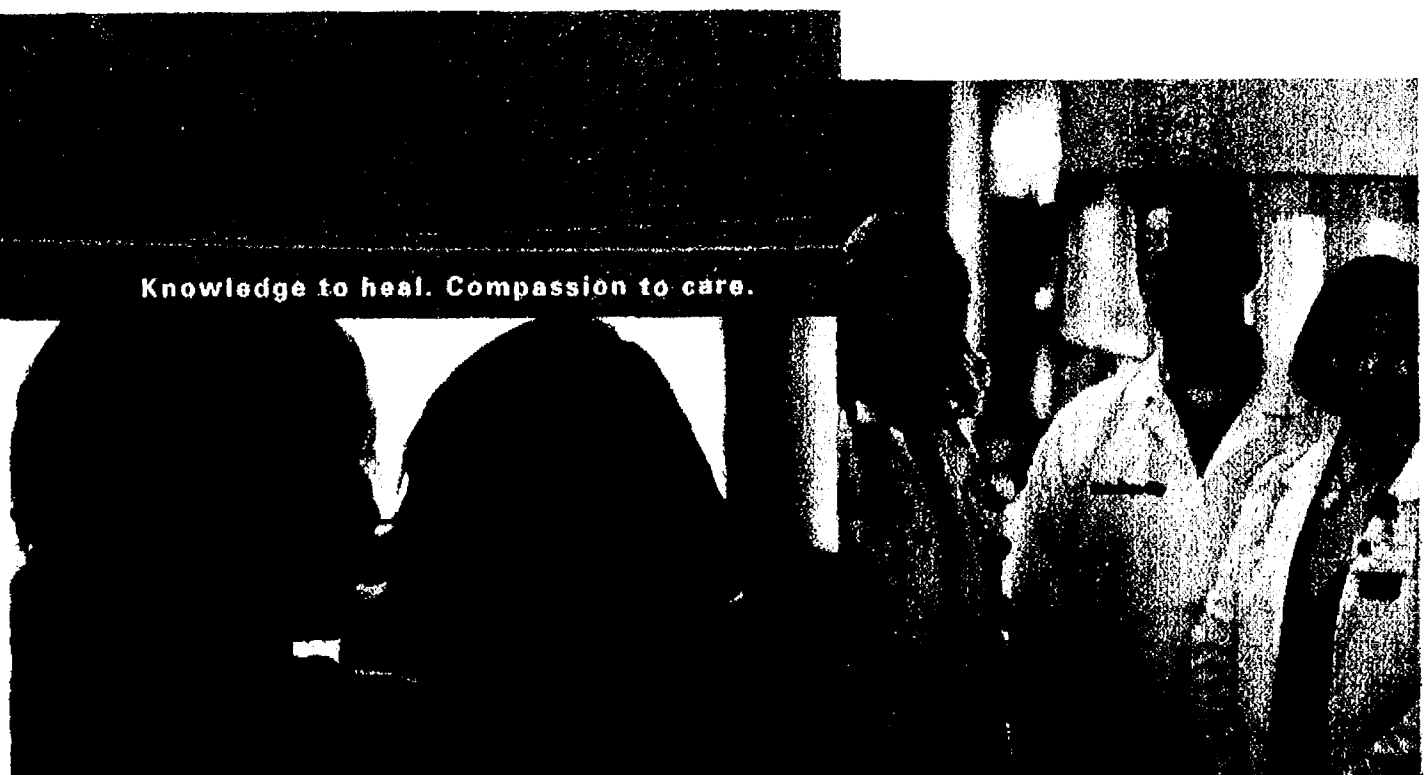
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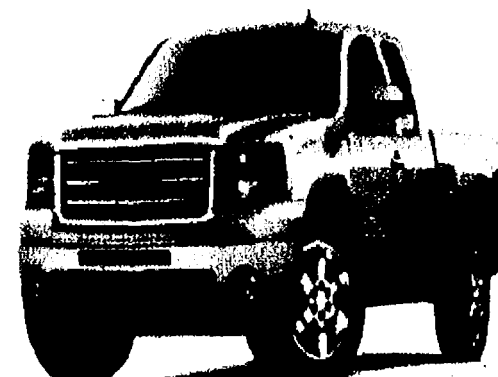
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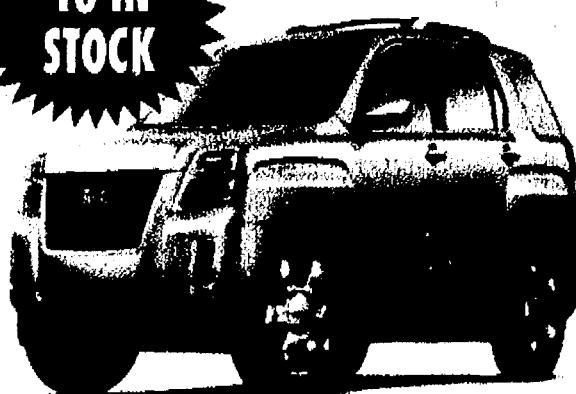
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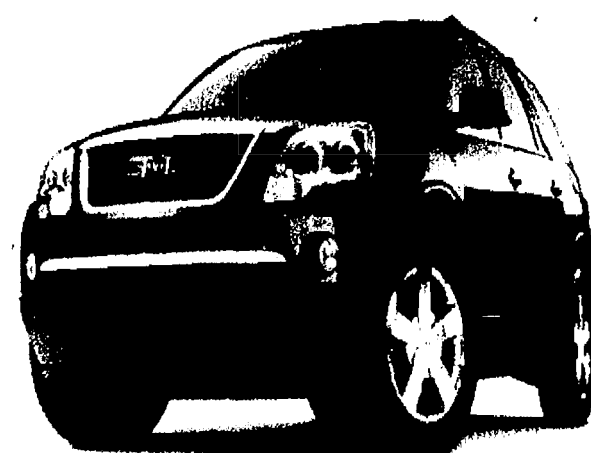


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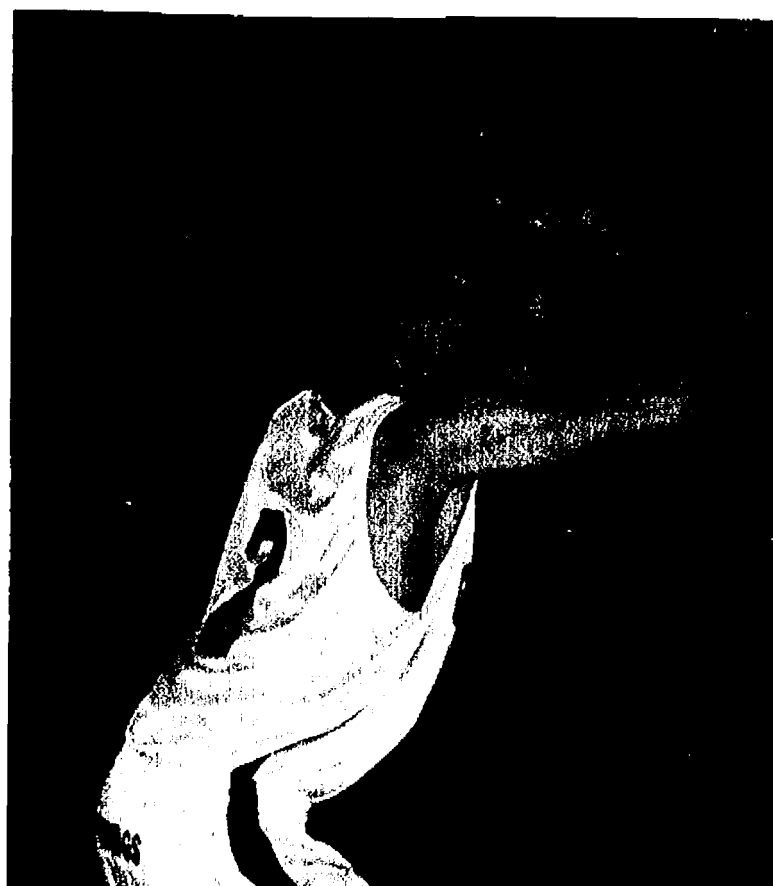
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Scott Parkinson takes a three-point shot for the Vikings vs. St. Francis.



Jake Swander dribbles the ball for Grayling on Friday night.



Viking fans cheer during the fourth quarter of Friday's win vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

Vikings defeat Gladiators in battle of top two LMC teams

Grayling posts 16-4 run during 26-16 4th quarter effort

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

It was a battle of the top two teams in the Lake Michigan Conference standings – the Grayling Vikings (8-2 league, 12-3 overall going into the game) and the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators (10-0 league, 13-1 overall before the contest) – and the home team, Grayling, won by 10, 79-69, with a 26-16 fourth quarter performance, an effort that included a 16-4 run to start the period.

The contest – a varsity boys basketball game played on Tuesday night – was close from beginning to end; there were seven ties and several lead changes throughout the match.

Grayling led 16-12 at the end of the first quarter. The Vikings scored 11 unanswered points from the 6:00 mark to the 2:50 mark in the first period. The series included a put-back by Thomas Burrell, two free throws from Steven Enos, a drive by Riley Zigila, a triple by Tyler McClanahan, and a drive by Enos.

Grayling scored its other five first quarter points with a three-pointer by Zigila and an inside shot by Zane Tobin.

Tobin opened the second quarter with a triple. St. Francis hit an inside shot. Burrell scored for GHS on an inside shot. A basket by Tobin gave the Vikings a 23-14 advantage. TCSF scored the next two baskets. Burrell hit two shots from the free-throw line. St. Francis scored. Burrell hit an inside shot. A jump shot by Tobin gave the Vikings a 29-21 advantage with 3:45 remaining in the second quarter.

St. Francis scored 11 unanswered points to take a 32-29 lead with 2:02 left in the second quarter.

Scott Parkinson hit a three-pointer for GHS to tie the game at 32-32. St. Francis completed a three-point play. Enos finished a three-point play, tying the game at 35-35. The Gladiators scored on an inside shot. Enos made a lay-up for the Vikings in the final seconds of the first half.

At the end of the second quarter, the two teams were tied at 37-37.

Both squads scored 16 points in the third quarter, leaving the game tied at 53-53 going into the final eight minutes of regulation. Grayling scored its 16 with (in order) a put-back by Zigila, a three-point play by Tobin, a triple by Tobin, a three-pointer by Enos, a drive by Swander, one free throw by Griffin Dean, and a drive by Tobin.

Grayling outscored St. Francis 16-4 to start the fourth quarter. The series included a drive by Zigila, an inside shot by McClanahan, two free throws from Enos, a jumper by McClanahan, a drive by Tobin, inside shots by Zigila and Tobin, and another drive by Zigila.

The Vikings led 69-57 with 3:55 left in regulation.

St. Francis scored the next two baskets on put-backs. Burrell hit an inside shot for GHS. The Gladiators hit a three-pointer to pull within seven. Enos scored on an inside shot. Zigila hit two

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Boys Basketball

St. Francis	11-1
Grayling	9-3
Elk Rapids	9-3
Boyne City	7-5
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Last week's scores

Grayling 79, St. Francis 69
Boyne City 62, Grayling 55
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Basketball playoffs to start next week

District tournaments for boys, girls slated for first two weeks of March



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JV Vikings avenge only loss with 53-48 win in rematch

Grayling moves to 16-1 with victory vs. Boyne City

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Only one team – the Boyne City Ramblers – had beaten them all season, and on Thursday night, the two teams played the rematch. This time, on their home floor, the GHS junior varsity boys basketball squad defeated the Ramblers by five points, 53-48, in a battle that featured four ties and 10 lead changes.

Grayling led 18-16 at the end of a back and forth first period. Michael Branch had 10 of Grayling's first 18 points. Justice Junttila and Scott Wakeley each hit two shots for GHS in the first quarter.

Grayling led by as many as nine towards the end of the second period, but the Ramblers hit two three-pointers in the final 1:20 of the half to cut Grayling's advantage to three, 32-29. The Vikings scored their 14

second quarter points with (in order) an inside shot by Branch, a lay-up by Branch, a jumper by Peyton Zigila, a triple by Scout Tobin, a lay-up by Tobin, a jumper by Matt Burrell, and one free throw from Wakeley.

Boyne City scored the first four points of the third quarter to lead by one. Junttila scored on a lay-up. The Ramblers hit 3 of 4 from the free-throw line to lead by two. Grayling responded with an 8-0 run. Boyne City scored the last two baskets of the third period.

The Vikings led 42-40 going into the final eight minutes of regulation.

The Ramblers scored the first four points of the fourth quarter to lead by two. Burrell hit a triple for GHS at the 5:38 mark. Branch hit one free throw. Boyne City tied the game at 46-46 with an inside shot.

Burrell hit two free throws at the 3:48 mark. Zigila hit a jump shot for the Vikings. Tobin scored on a drive, giving Grayling a 52-46 advantage with 2:40 remaining.

Boyne City scored on a jump shot to pull within four.

The Ramblers fouled Grayling with 18 seconds remaining. The Vikings missed the resulting free throw but came down with the rebound. Boyne City fouled and Grayling missed both free throws. The Vikings were called for a foul on the rebound attempt. The Ramblers missed the free throw and Grayling rebounded the ball. Boyne City fouled Burrell, who hit one of two from the free-throw line to give Grayling a five-point lead with 0:07.9 seconds remaining. Boyne City missed at the other end and Junttila rebounded the ball, ending the game.

Grayling won 53-48.

"They were as athletic as any team we faced this

year," Coach Levi Burkett said. "Scout Tobin did a good job getting the ball through their press. Peyton Zigila was great on defense. Michael Branch played out of his mind."

Branch finished with 17 points and nine rebounds. Burrell had 10 points. Wakeley had nine points and 11 rebounds. Junttila had six points and 12 rebounds. Zigila had seven rebounds.

On Wednesday, the Vikings won 55-41 at Traverse City St. Francis.

According to the team, Branch had 19 points and 11 rebounds. Zigila had eight points and six rebounds. Junttila also had eight points and six rebounds.

"A real improvement for us from the first time we played them," Coach Burkett said. "The key was rebounding. We did a good job boxing out."

Grayling (16-1 overall, 11-1 league) will host East Jordan on Thursday, Feb. 23.



Scout Tobin drives to the basket for a lay-up vs. Boyne City on Thursday.

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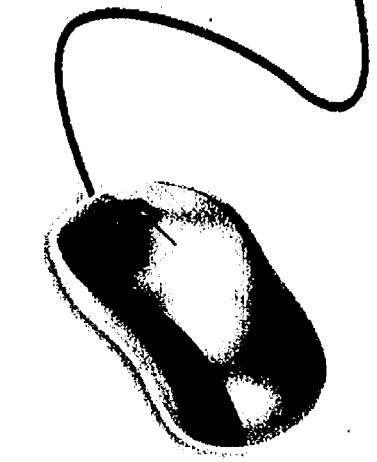
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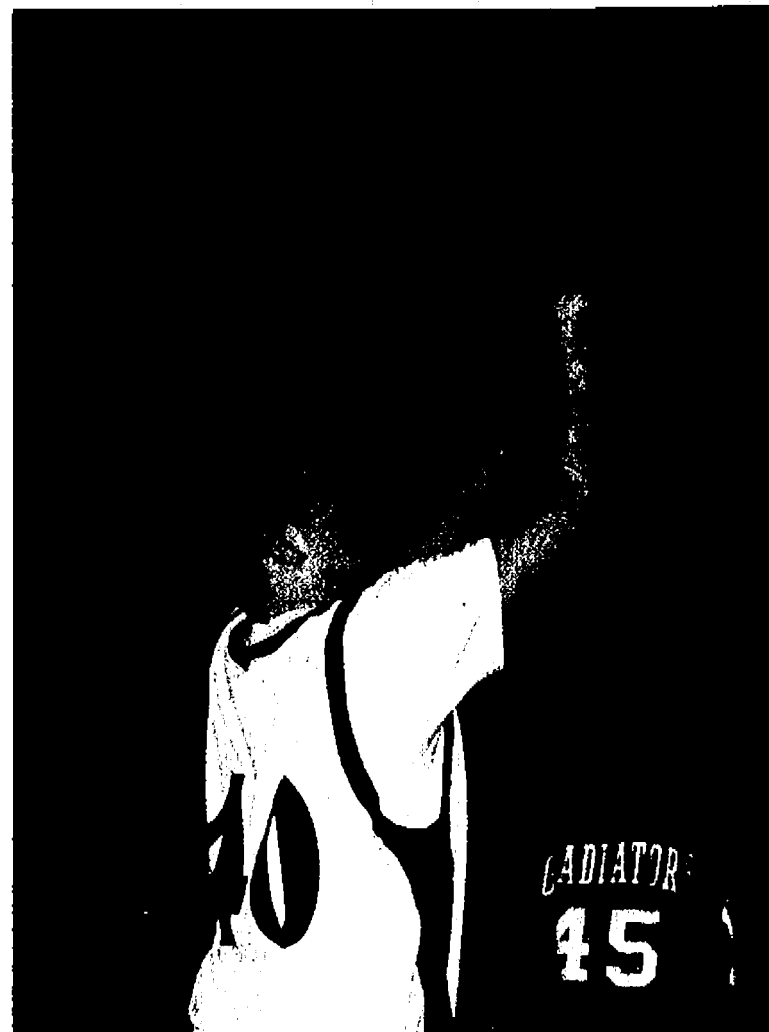
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Tyler Wyman takes an inside shot for the Vikings vs. Traverse City St. Francis.



Gunner Metzger handles the ball for Grayling on Tuesday night.

9th graders seal win vs. TCSF with 8-1 run in final minutes

Freshman team improves to 9-0 in league with 51-42 victory

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team defeated the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators 51-42 on Tuesday night in a contest played at Grayling Middle School.

St. Francis led 15-14 at the end of the first quarter. Grayling scored its 14

points with inside shots by Jake Hinkle, Dylan Wyman, Emmett Helsel, and Zane Pittman and free throws from Darin Nicholas and Dallas Johnson.

Grayling opened the second quarter with a 9-0 run, scoring on two free throws from Helsel, an inside shot by Helsel, a lay-up by Gunner Metzger, and a three-

pointer by Johnson. The Vikings added 10 more points in the period with a three-point play by Tyler Wyman, two free throws from T. Wyman, one free throw from Hinkle, a lay-up by Mason Papendick, and an inside shot by Papendick.

Grayling led by nine, 33-24, at halftime.

The Gladiators scored the first five points of the second half to pull within four. Nicholas scored on a lay-up for Grayling. St. Francis answered with an inside shot. The Vikings scored the game's next six points with inside shots by Carson Burmeister, Hinkle, and Papendick. TCSF finished the third quarter with a 6-0 run to pull back within four.

Grayling led 41-37 going into the fourth period.

Burmeister scored on a lay-up. St. Francis hit an inside shot. Grayling, in the next 2:30 of clock time, outscored TCSF 8-1, extending its advantage to 11, 51-40, with 2:04 left in regulation. The run included a three-pointer by Nicholas, inside shots by Hinkle and Helsel, and one free throw from Burmeister.

St. Francis scored the only basket of the last 2:04. Grayling won by nine, 51-42.

The win improved Grayling's record in league games to 9-0.

"It's never easy to beat a team three times. In our three games vs. Traverse City St. Francis this was their best showing. The entire team played really

well to end the final home game for the season. Every player on the team scored, which made parents' night very special," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

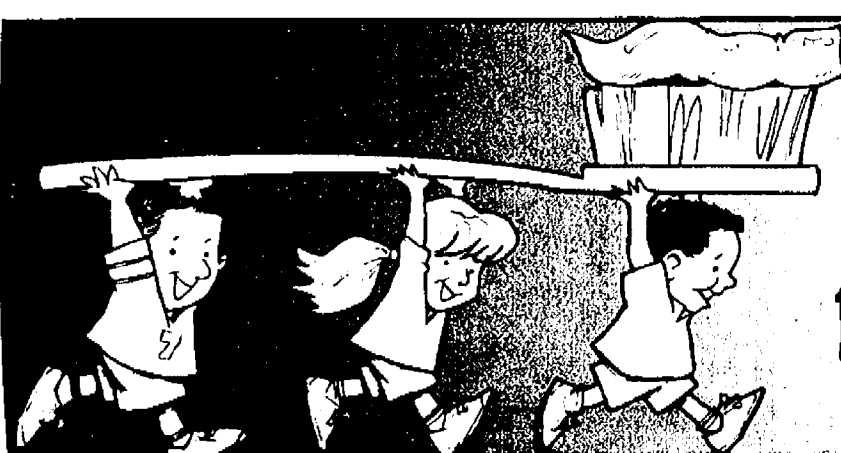
Helsel had 10 points and six rebounds. Hinkle finished with seven points, six steals, and four assists. T. Wyman had seven points. Nicholas had six points and six steals. Papendick had six points and five rebounds. Burmeister had five points, seven assists, and seven steals.

On Friday, the Vikings won 42-31 at Boyne City.

According to the team, Burmeister had eight points, six steals, and six assists. Helsel had eight points and five rebounds. Nicholas had eight points and four steals. T. Wyman had five points and five rebounds. Hinkle had six points and four steals. D. Wyman had eight rebounds.

"Emmett Helsel played great in both games this week. He is a tough kid who dislocated his finger and still finished the game. We had some kids step up and play pretty well. Dylan Wyman owned the boards. Zane Pittman played a great second half and Tyler Wyman stepped up with his five points and five rebounds," Coach Kucharek said.

"This was an important win for our team because we clinched the (Lake Michigan Conference) championship with this win," Coach Kucharek said.



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Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

Ten Grayling Youth Wrestling Club (GYWC) members qualified for the state finals by finishing in the top four at regionals at Carrollton on Saturday.

Grayling's state finalists, listed with their regional placement, age group, and weight division: 1st - Gavin Dannenberg (age 7-8, 55 pounds), Nick Petrie (age 13-14, 155 pounds), Kejuan Conley (age 13-14, 200 pounds), Joseph Castillo (age 13-14, 230 pounds); 2nd - Zach Duncan (age 7-8, 46 pounds), Ethan Dannenberg (age 7-8, 58 pounds), Alex Ferrigan (age 13-14, 95 pounds); 3rd - Reece Ferrigan (age 11-12, 158 pounds); 4th - Tim Burr (age 11-12, 70 pounds), Kaden Brigham (age 11-12, 105 pounds).

The GYWC had 16 regional qualifiers.

"All of our wrestlers did very well," Coach Larry Duvall said. "The other six wrestlers came up just short of making it in the top four. All 10 of our qualifiers gave forth an excellent effort. We as coaches are proud of the entire group."

The state finals will be held at Bay City Western High School in Auburn.



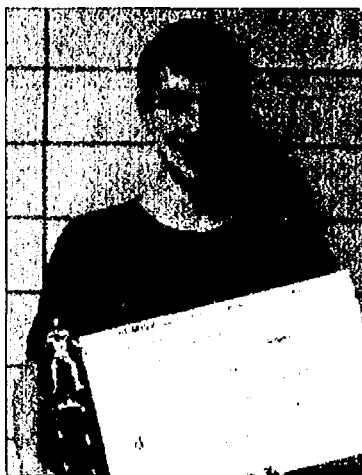
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AuSable Wrestling Association

The AuSable Wrestling Association (ages 6-13) competed in its regional tournament at Saginaw on Saturday, advancing nine of 13 wrestlers to the state finals with their top-four finishes. The event had 376 wrestlers registered.

Placements for the nine state qualifiers: 1st - Dakotah Mansfield (age 13, 120 pounds); 2nd - Michael Phipps (age 13, 138

pounds), Max Halstead (age 10, 130 pounds), Cole Dickie (age 6, 46 pounds); 3rd - Logan Malonen (age 6, 64 pounds), Joseph Armstrong (age 9, 51 pounds), Andrew Hopkins (age 11, 70 pounds); 4th - Parker Dole (age 9, 90 pounds), Logan Joseph (age 10, 110 pounds).

The state finals are slated for Saturday, Feb. 25, in Bay County.

A group of 12 AWA wrestlers - many of them from the same group that went to regionals - competed in a tournament in Traverse City on Sunday.

"Another outstanding performance by the entire team," a team official said.

AWA members won the following medals: 1st - Cole Dickie (age 6, 46 pounds), Drew Moore (age 6, 43 pounds), Thomas May

(age 9, 63 pounds), Max Halstead (age 10, 130 pounds); 2nd - Cameron Trudeau (age 6, 49 pounds), Joseph Armstrong (age 9, 51 pounds), Dakotah Mansfield (age 13, 122-130 pounds); 3rd - Camara Peterson (age 6, 43 pounds), Tucker Mertes (age 8, 61-64 pounds), Michael Phipps (age 13, 138-145 pounds); 4th - Andrew Hopkins (age 11, 70 pounds).



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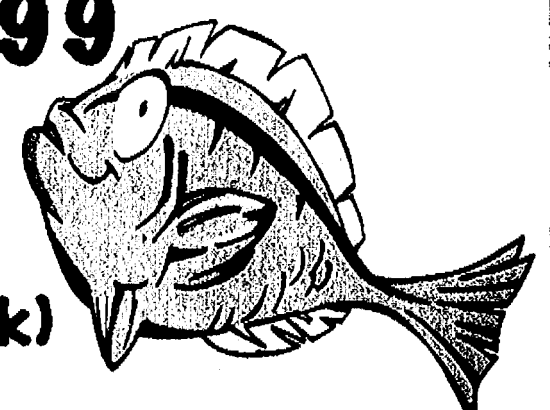
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Boyne pulls away in last seven minutes, wins JV game 41-33

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Early in the fourth quarter, the two teams were separated by only one point, but the visiting Boyne City Ramblers outscored the Grayling Vikings 16-9 in the final seven minutes of regulation to win Thursday night's JV girls basketball game by a final score of 41-33.

The two squads combined for only nine points in the first period. Grayling scored its five with an inside shot by Taylor Nielson and a triple by Rachel Money.

Boyne City outscored Grayling 16-7 in the second quarter. The Vikings scored their seven with two jump shots by Jordan Tinker, one free throw from Maddie Nielson, and a put-back by

T. Nielson.

The Ramblers had a 20-12 advantage at halftime.

Grayling scored four with inside shots by Meagan Malm and Makayla Cragg. Boyne hit a jump shot. The Vikings scored the next two baskets with a jumper by Hailey Eames and an inside shot by M. Nielson.

Boyne led 22-20.

The Ramblers hit a three-pointer to lead by five. Grayling scored the last basket of the third quarter — a jumper by Tinker — and Boyne City took a 25-22 edge into the fourth period.

Grayling scored first in the fourth quarter with a jump shot by Courtney Hill. With 7:17 remaining in regulation, Boyne led by one.

The Ramblers outscored Grayling 16-9 in the final

7:16 of the fourth quarter, hitting two three-pointers during that span and converting 6 of 7 shots from the free-throw line. The Vikings scored their last nine points on an inside shot by M. Nielson, a jumper by Money, a jump shot by Cragg, one free throw from Money, and another inside shot by M. Nielson.

Boyne City won by eight, 41-33.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: M. Nielson (7), Tinker (6), Money (6), T. Nielson (4), Cragg (4).

"The girls really did play a good game minus the second quarter. We win the game if you take out the second quarter, where we had too many turnovers and were outscored 16-7. For the most part, the girls are

doing the right things, or at least they are really trying to, so I am very proud of them for that. We just need to put together a four quarter game," Coach Brooke Knight said.

On Wednesday, Grayling lost 40-14 at Traverse City St. Francis.

"We were down some players due to sickness and really struggled to get moving at the beginning of the game. It just wasn't our night and we had a tough time trying to put the ball in the basket," Coach Knight said.

The Vikings (2-16 overall, 2-10 league) will finish their 2011-2012 season with a home game vs. East Jordan at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Vikings fall to Boyne, St. Francis

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball team lost league games at Traverse City St. Francis and Boyne City last week.

On Wednesday night, the Vikings fell 67-24 vs. the Gladiators at Traverse City St. Francis.

"We faced a very good St. Francis team that is very talented. We stayed with them through the early second quarter. At that point, our leading scorer, Jo Hamlin, suffered a (serious) knee injury. The game was stopped for quite a while as we tended to her. Our entire team is concerned for Jo," Coach Joe Powers said.

"After the injury, St. Francis really put it to us, outscoring us 19-2 to end the half. We were not able to jump back in the game as St. Francis continued to full-court press us through the end of the third quarter. It was a difficult game on the road for us in many facets."

Hamlin had six points for GHS. Caitlin Prosser had four points and six rebounds.

"Caitlin had a solid game on the boards for us, collecting six rebounds against an extremely athletic team. She also was perfect from the line, going 4 for 4," Coach Powers said.

On Friday, Grayling lost 51-40 vs. the Ramblers at Boyne City.

"Boyne City led almost the entire game and we struggled with our turnovers. Our number of turnovers really determined the outcome of the game. We struggled to score and we struggled to get into a

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St. Francis	12-0
Kalkaska	10-2
East Jordan	7-5
Elk Rapids	6-6
Charlevoix	4-8
Harbor Springs	4-8
Grayling	3-9
Boyne City	2-10

Last week's scores

Boyne City 51, Grayling 40
St. Francis 67, Grayling 24
Elk Rapids 53, Boyne City 50
Charlevoix 51, East Jordan 44
Harbor Springs 55, Charlevoix 47
Kalkaska 56, Elk Rapids 40
Kalkaska 80, Harbor Springs 45
St. Francis 59, East Jordan 25

rhythm," Coach Powers said. "Our defensive rebounding was very strong. Their senior, Tanner McCune, had a career game, hitting five three pointers and ending up with 28 for their team."

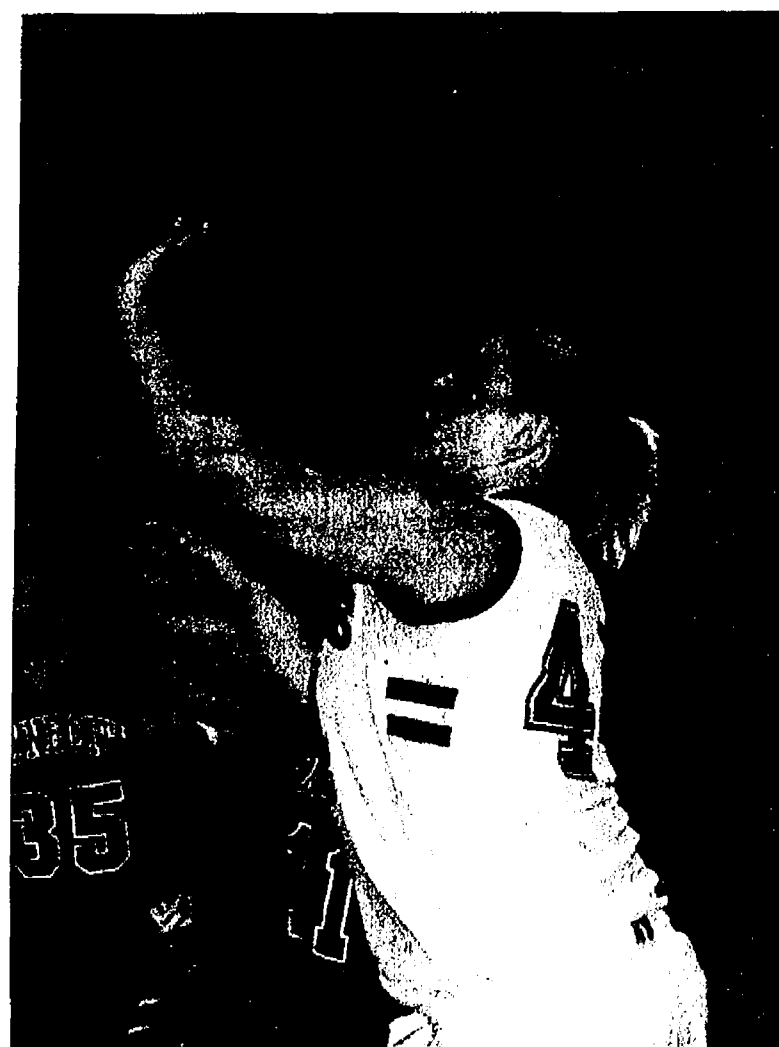
Hannah Haven had 10 points for GHS. Prosser had seven points, nine rebounds, and three blocks.

"We are a very young team and with losing our leading scorer for the season we have to adjust and modify our game. Playing on the road is always more challenging than being on our home court. We will hit the practice court and our girls are tough. They will continue to work hard and we want to improve each day," Coach Powers said.


The Vikings (7-11 overall, 3-9 league) will end their 2012 regular season with a conference game at East Jordan on Friday, Feb. 24.



Allison Dorn handles the ball for the Vikings vs. Boyne City on Thursday.



Maddie Nielson shoots for Grayling's JV team on Thursday night vs. the Ramblers.




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GMS Girls Basketball

7th/8th grade

The GMS 7th/8th grade girls basketball combo team defeated the visiting Kalkaska Blazers 28-14 on Monday night.

Grayling led 4-0 at the end of the first period, and the Vikings had a 14-6 advantage at halftime. GMS took a 26-8 lead into the fourth quarter.

Chrissy Bonamie had 14 points for the Vikings. Shae-lin Kraycs had six points. Kim Cook scored four points. Crystal Battles and Brandi Conforti each had two points for GMS.

7th grade

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade girls basketball squad lost 34-16 vs. Kalkaska on Monday in a game played at GMS.

Emma Prosser, Natalie Amy, Cortney Hickman, Jen Sheehan, Hayley Pittman, and Molly Leslie scored points for the Vikings.

8th grade

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade girls basketball team won 29-24 vs. the visiting Blazers of Kalkaska on Monday.

Grayling led 9-7 at halftime. The Vikings outscored Kalkaska 12-5 in the third quarter to lead by nine going into the fourth.

Brittney Nielson scored eight points for GMS. Erica Umfor had seven points. Maryn Burrell scored five points. Tyler Helsel had five points. Ashley Branch scored four points.



Erin Prosser, left, passes the ball during an in-bounds play vs. Kalkaska (7th grade). Shae-lin Kraycs, center, handles the ball for Grayling on Monday night (7th/8th grade). Sally Metiva, right, shoots the ball for the Vikings vs. The Blazers (8th grade).

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If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 23, 2012 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 326.7946 (02-23)(03-15)

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IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COMMUNICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DISCHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING. OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery Miller, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 27, 2006 and recorded October 6, 2006 in Liber 683, Page 549, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eleven and 14/100 Dollars (\$65,611.14) including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 21, 2012. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 34, and South 1/2 of Lot 35, Holiday Heights Subdivision, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 75, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure

sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 16, 2012 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 617.6460 (02-16)(03-08)

NOTICE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WAYNE F. GRODE and CHERYL A. GRODE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2008, and recorded on July 9, 2008, in Liber 692, on Page 282, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$76,197.63), including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 7, 2012. Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

THE WEST 165 FEET OF THE EAST 495 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgage Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 GMAC.009594 (02-02)(02-23)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The Mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage given by Keith Thorpe and Margaret Thorpe, husband and wife, whose address is 6530 E. County Road 612, Grayling, MI 49738, as Mortgagors, to National City Bank of the Midwest, now known as PNC Bank, National Association, of One Financial Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49009, as Mortgagee, dated July 15, 2005, and recorded on July 19, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 351, Crawford County Records; and subsequently assigned to Land Holding, L.L.C. of 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2707, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 18, 2011, and recorded on December 13, 2011, in Liber 707, Page 166, Crawford County Records (the "Mortgage"). The balance owing on the Mortgage is One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine and 26/100 Dollars (\$117,979.26) at the date of this notice. No suit or proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the

Mortgage.

Notice is given that on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the applicable statutes, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises at public auction to the highest bidder in the Main Lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan (which is the building where the Circuit Court for Crawford County is held). The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at the rate of 5.0% per annum, all legal costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees allowed by law and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The premises to be sold at the foreclosure is all of that real estate and improvements situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, described as:

Commencing at a point North 55 degrees East 121 feet from the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West for a Place of Beginning; thence North 14 degrees West 100 feet; thence North 54 degrees 14 minutes East 300 feet; thence South 13 degrees 19 minutes East 100 feet; thence South 55 degrees West 300 feet to the Place of Beginning; ALSO a parcel of land commencing 150 feet Northeasterly of the Bank of the North Branch of AuSable River in Section 19; thence in a Northeasterly direction 445 feet, being 66 feet in width and part of the abandoned Twin Lakes & Northeastern Railroad Right of Way.

Parcel ID No. 010-12-019-03-245-00

Commonly known as: 6530 E. County Road 612, Grayling, MI 49738.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the Mortgagors will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 2, 2012 LAND HOLDING, LLC By: PLUNKETT COONEY Joseph M. Ammar (P41972) Attorneys for Land Holding, LLC 950 Trade Centre Way, Suite 310 Kalamazoo, MI 49002 (269) 226-8845

-2-9-16-23-1

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. **ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Merle L. Morgan and Judy K. Morgan husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2007, and recorded on August 15, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 126, and assigned by said Mortgagee to OneWest Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five

Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five and 15/100 Dollars (\$65,355.15), including interest at 1.12% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 33 feet East of the Northeast corner of Brinks Par, thence East 450 feet on the South 1/8 line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West for the point of beginning; thence East along said 1/8 line a distance of 159.5 feet to the intersection of said 1/8 line and the West boundary line of 1-75 Highway, thence Southwesterly along said right of way to a point that is 200 feet due South of the said 1/8 line, thence due West and parallel to the 1/8 line a distance of 127.5 feet, thence due North 200 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the North 200 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, lying West of 1-75 right of way. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 2, 2012 For more information, please call: FC F (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #384884101 (02-02)(02-23)

-2-9-16-23

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

46th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE NO. 12-8677-CH
Court address 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE, GRAYLING, MI 49738
Court telephone no. 989-344-3206

Plaintiff
ANTHONY & SHIRLEY CARUSO
Plaintiff's attorney
CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
BY: ADAM T. VERNON (P71555)
2373 S 1-75 BUSINESS LOOP/ PO DRAWER 665 GRAYLING, MI 49738
989-348-5232
v
Defendant
NORMAN H. REUSS and/or his heirs, assigns or devisees
0300 W. BEECHWOOD DRIVE SE
E. GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49506

TO: NORMAN H. REUSS and/or his heirs, assigns or devisees

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to QUIET TITLE. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 03/12/2012. If you fail to do so, a default judgement maybe entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
Date 2/5/12
Judge DENNIS E. MURPHY
P31907

-16-23-1

NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet for its Organizational Meeting on Monday March 6, 2012 at 1:00 PM. at the Frederic Township Hall at 6470 Manistee St., Frederic MI.

The board of review will meet with the public on:

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Frederic Township:

CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	FACTORS
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Timber Cut-Over	50.00	1.0000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended. (The Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a (2) (3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In order to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor and the board of review and to ensure that all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the board of review, the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, hereby resolves, according to provisions of MCL211.30(7) of the General Property Tax Act, that the board of review shall receive letters, email to (supervisor@frederictownship.org), by phone, or by representative of protest regarding assessments from resident taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March until it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests

William T. Johnson
Frederic Township Supervisor

THE 2012 GHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

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THE 2012 GHS BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TEAM



Basketball playoffs to start next week

District tournaments for boys, girls slated for first two weeks of March

High school basketball playoffs in Michigan will begin next week, starting with the district tournaments for girls basketball. The tournaments for boys basketball will start the following week, keeping a one week difference between the two.

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball team will open its 2012 playoff run with a home game against a familiar opponent —

the Roscommon Bucks, a nonconference foe that Grayling has faced twice already this season — at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 29. The contest is a District 63-B semifinal match. In the other semifinal contest, Cheboygan will play against Houghton Lake. The winner of the Grayling vs. Roscommon game will play at Cheboygan or at Houghton Lake in the district

title game on Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m.

Grayling's tournament team will feature two seniors, five juniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen. The squad will include: Hailey Whittaker, freshman; Hannah Haven, junior; Josie Swander, senior; Samantha Hansen, senior; Cierra Prosser, sophomore; Maddie Benardo, junior; Alyssa Morley, junior; Caitlin Prosser, junior; Jo Hamlin,

junior; Sam Denno, freshman; Makayla Cragg, sophomore; Meagan Malm, sophomore. Denno played in several varsity games during the last one-third of the regular season. Cragg and Malm played on the JV team this year.

Hamlin, who's now out for the season with a knee injury, is the team's leader in points (275), rebounds (147), and steals (40). Cierra Prosser is second in points at 133 and leads the team in assists (32).

"We have a very young team. Our goal for this year was to continually improve. Our measure is ourselves and each game, regardless of the opponent. We measure our effort, performance, and improvement. We definitely have shown a tremendous amount of improvement throughout the year," Coach Joe Powers said. "Losing eight seniors from last year's team was a big hole to fill. Yet our girls have not stepped away from facing a

challenge."

Grayling, in its 2011-2012 season opener, defeated Roscommon 51-35. In the rematch, the Vikings edged the Bucks 58-54. Next week, Grayling and Roscommon will play again — this time for an opportunity to play in the district title game.

"Having a rivalry game with our neighboring town brings a lot of excitement to the playoffs. I'm sure that Roscommon will play extremely hard. We have

been fortunate to beat them twice this season and the old adage is that it is difficult to beat a team three times. We hope to be able to do that. If we can get by Roscommon, we will probably be facing Cheboygan on their home court again for the district championship. It is a very difficult place to play and it is a huge advantage for Cheboygan to be hosting the district championship for the second year in a row. They will be a very difficult team

to beat, especially on their home court," Coach Powers said.

"Our girls want to make history. They want to put 2012 on the banner as district champs. We have the ability, we have the confidence, and our girls want to make this their legacy," Coach Powers said.

The GHS varsity boys basketball squad will start its playoff schedule with a District 63-B semifinal game

at Roscommon at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7. The winner will play at Cheboygan or Houghton Lake in the district championship game on Friday, March 9, at 7 p.m.

The Vikings have played the Roscommon Bucks twice this season. Grayling won by large margins in both contests (76-43 on Dec. 6 and 66-24 on Jan. 31). Grayling defeated Houghton Lake 80-38 in a regular season game on Jan. 3. The Vikings will

not play against Cheboygan during the regular season this year.

Grayling's tournament team will include 15 players — seven seniors, five juniors, and three sophomores: Devon Dawson, senior; Scott Parkinson, junior; Jake Swander, sophomore; Tyler McClanahan, sophomore; Zach Schreiber, senior; Mason Krey, junior; Tyler Powers, junior; Zane Tobin, senior; Wes Dean, junior; Thomas Burrell, senior;

Riley Zigila, senior; Steven Enos, senior; Griffin Dean, senior; Louis Menard, junior; Justice Junttila, sophomore. Tobin is the team's scoring leader with 250 points. Enos is second in points (219) and leads the Vikings in rebounds

(157), assists (69), and steals (69).

As of Monday, Feb. 20, the Vikings were 13-4 overall and tied for second place in the Lake Michigan Conference at 9-3 in league play.

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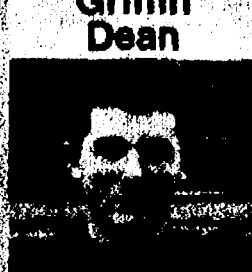
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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul I. Bielski, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 2004, and recorded on December 6, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 763, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PNC Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Four and 38/100 Dollars (\$69,804.38), including interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 28, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 385 and 386, Indian Glens of the AuSable, Unit 5, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: February 23, 2012 For more information, please call: FCJ (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #391692F01 (02-23)(03-15)

-23-1-8-15

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Rex H. Thomas and Karen R. Thomas, Husband and Wife to Cresleigh Financial Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 8, 2001 and recorded January 4, 2002 in Liber 0566 Page 001 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas fka Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2002-1, by assignment dated August 24, 2011 and recorded August 30, 2011 in Liber 706 Page 47 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Ten Cents (\$51,789.10) including interest 9.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue. Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 28, 2012 Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Eleven (11) and Lot Twelve (12) of Block (19) of the original Plat of the Village (now city) of Grayling. Commonly known as 200 Peninsular Ave, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 2/23/2012 Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas fka Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2002-1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-56408 (02-23)(03-15)

-23-1-8-15

SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP February 14, 2012 Regular Board Meeting & Budget Public Hearing Unapproved

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: L. Luck, George, Musselman, Janisse and S. Luck. Absent: None. Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by S. Luck, to accept agenda with change. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by Janisse, to accept consent agenda, January Regular Meeting, Special Meeting minutes, and Budget Workshop Special Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, the Treasurer's Report and projected bills for February as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by George authorize Ann Arbor Credit Bureau to proceed with legal action in an effort to collect delinquent charges from a resident. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Musselman to approve payment of invoice from Business Micro Resource Corp. in the amount of \$400.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman to approve the purchase of new tires from Upper Lake Tires for a cost of \$1908.88, and to authorize the replacement of the shocks, if necessary. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by Janisse to approve the payment of the attorney invoice in the amount of \$3,797.76. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by George to approve for payment the

invoice in the amount of \$1,130.00 from BS & A. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman to approve the amendments to the 2011/2012 budget as presented with the addition of the adjustment to the Assessors budget. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by George to adopt the Poverty Guidelines and Asset Test Exemptions for 2012 as presented.

Passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Janisse to adopt the Resolution of Intent for Participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Janisse to adopt the Joint Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Musselman to adopt the Ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by S. Luck to approve the charge backs to the County for 2012. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Public comment. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Presidential Primary Election Notice to Crawford County Electors

To All Qualified Electors Of Crawford County:

The Presidential Primary Election and Crawford AuSable School Election will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2012 to elect the following Republican or Democratic Presidential Candidates:

Republican Party

Michele Bachmann
Herman Cain
Newt Gingrich
John Huntsman
Gary Johnson
Fred Karger
Ron Paul
Rick Perry
Buddy Roemer
Mitt Romney
Rick Santorum
Uncommitted

Democratic Party

Barack Obama
Uncommitted

Summary of Crawford AuSable School District ballot proposal:

Crawford AuSable School District General obligation unlimited tax bond proposal for building and site purposes in the amount not to exceed \$2,990,000.

You must show proof of ID and select either a Republican or Democratic ballot with the School proposal to vote. OR you may select a no party declaration ballot to vote only for the Crawford AuSable School Election:

The following polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

101 Beaver Creek Twp. Office, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738
201 Frederic Twp. 6470 Manistee St, Frederic, MI 49733
302, 304, 305, 306 & 307 Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
401 Lovells Twp. Office, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738
501 Maple Forest Twp. Office, 8802 N. Peterson Rd., Frederic, MI 49733
601 South Branch Twp. Office, 5245 M-18, Roscommon MI 48653
701 Grayling City Office, 1020 City Blvd, Grayling MI 49738

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK

Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

ORDINANCE ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

Community Name: Maple Forest Township, County: Crawford
Ordinance number 2012-10

An ordinance to designate an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Maple Forest located in Crawford County, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

The Township of Maple Forest ordains:

Section 1. AGENCY DESIGNATED. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Director of Building and Zoning of the County of Crawford is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Maple Forest under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan. The County of Crawford assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act through out the corporate limits of the community adopting this ordinance.

Section 2. CODE APPENDIX ENFORCED. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the Township of Maple Forest.

Section 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled "Crawford County Michigan (All Jurisdictions)" and dated 4/17/12 and the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMS) panel number(s) of 26039C; 0050A and 0075A and dated 4/17/2012 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

Section 4. REPEALS. All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. PUBLICATION. This ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.

Adopted this 10th day of January, 2012.

This ordinance duly adopted on 10th of January, 2012 at the regular meeting of the Maple Forest Township Board and will become effective 3-01-12.

Signed on 1-10-2012 by Sandra L. Baynham Clerk of Maple Forest Township

Attested on 01-10-2012 by Mark Kniss, Supervisor of Maple Forest Township.

Motion by Feldhauser 2nd Babbitt

Roll Call Vote:
Feldhauser - yes
Babbitt - yes
Kniss - yes
Baynham - yes
Madill - absent

Notice Lovells Township Board of Review

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Taxpayers may protest by mail or fax (989-348-6437), provided that protest letter is received prior to the close of the last public meeting on March 15, 2012 at 4:00 PM.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Classification	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	49.04	1.00000
Residential	49.61	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Opening Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Lovells Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services to disabled taxpayers with seven (7) days notice to the Township at (989) 348-9215 or at the above address.

Cynthia Infante, Lovells Township Clerk
Gary Neumann, Lovell Township Supervisor

Notice City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 4:00 PM

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions:
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Friday, March 16, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM

2012 tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property located within the City of Grayling are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

**South Branch Township
Capital Improvement Plan
Public Input Session**

South Branch Township residents are invited to attend a public input session for the South Branch Township Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion will take place at the South Branch Township Town Hall (located at 5245 North M-18) from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, March 8, 2012. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain public input on potential township projects proposed for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Plan. Members of the Township Planning Commission will be available at the session. Residents and visitors are encouraged to attend. Your input is important.

Laurie Luck
Township Supervisor

Cris Jones
Chairman,
Planning Commission

**NOTICE
BEAVER CREEK
TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an Organizational Meeting Monday, March 5, 2012, at 12:00 Noon in the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2012 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 12, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 15, 2012, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agriculture	49.25	1.0152
Commercial	48.62	1.0284
Industrial	77.9	.6418
Residential	55.25	.9050

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA42.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Beaver Creek Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to Beaver Creek Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Beaver Creek Township by writing or calling the following:

Brian Ashton, Supervisor
Beaver Creek Township
8888 S. Grayling Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(898)275-8878

Brian Ashton
Beaver Creek Township Supervisor

**Notice
South Branch Township
Board of Review**

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 12, 2012, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 15, 2012, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax (989)275-4860, provided protest letter is received prior to close of last meeting (March 15, 2012 @ 9:00 P.M.).

Tentative ratio and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2012 are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Opening Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meetings or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk / Laurie Luck, Supervisor
5245 M-18
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-8232

**CRAWFORD
NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 12-7987-DE
Estate of Pamela Sue Schnaidt Date
of birth: 2-9-38.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The

decedent, Pamela Sue Schnaidt, who lived at 6830 W. 5 Mile Rd. Grayling, Michigan died 1-2-12.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jill Corbin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W.

Michigan Ave., Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 1-5-12

Personal representative
Jill Corbin
3113 Timberlane Trail
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-2403

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**GRAYLING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW**

Grayling Charter Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6th, 2012 at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 12th, 2012, until 12 noon and then 1 pm until 4 pm. Board of review will also be held on Thursday, March 15th from 6-8 pm, and also Saturday, March 17th from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via the P.O. Box above) or fax to 989-348-6713.

Class	Tentative Ratio
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	49.94
Industrial	49.68
Residential	49.63

All correspondence must be received by March 15th, 2012.

Rick Harland, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk
MBOF/pak

**TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE
FOREST TOWNSHIP**

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 6, 2012 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:
Mon., March 12, 2012 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 15, 2012 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	TENTATIVE	
	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

**2012
CRAWFORD COUNTY
TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS**

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
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BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

101	Agricultural	86,900	88,223	49.25	1.0152
201	Commercial	3,241,500	3,333,504	48.62	1.0284
301	Industrial	13,454,500	8,635,519	77.90	0.6418
401	Residential	56,724,450	51,334,344	55.25	0.9050
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		73,507,350	63,391,590		
TOTAL PERSONAL		20,764,200	20,764,273	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		94,271,550	84,155,863		

FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	1,566,200	1,741,770	44.96	1.1121
301	Industrial	333,800	339,780	49.12	1.0179
401	Residential	53,566,400	51,595,453	51.91	0.9632
501	Timber Cut-Over	1,213,500	1,183,671	51.26	0.9754
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		56,679,900	54,860,674		
TOTAL PERSONAL		6,537,900	6,537,900	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		63,217,800	61,398,574		

GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	8,160,900	8,395,987	48.60	1.0288
301	Industrial	13,308,100	13,163,243	50.55	0.9891
401	Residential	199,856,200	182,617,142	54.72	0.9137
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		221,325,200	204,176,372		
TOTAL PERSONAL		7,018,000	7,018,000	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		228,343,200	211,194,372		

LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	2,147,000	2,189,029	49.04	1.0196
301	Industrial	-	-	-	-
401	Residential	59,765,000	60,234,831	49.61	1.0079
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		61,912,000	62,423,860		
TOTAL PERSONAL		4,610,000	4,609,969	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		66,522,000	67,033,829		

MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	2,267,900	2,353,081	48.19	1.0376
301	Industrial	-	-	-	-
401	Residential	21,029,800	21,131,230	49.76	1.0048
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		23,297,700	23,484,311		
TOTAL PERSONAL		3,668,890	3,668,890	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		26,966,590	27,153,201		

SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	3,894,000	3,861,563	50.42	0.9917
301	Industrial	8,300	8,315	49.91	1.0018
401	Residential	80,612,500	79,782,759	50.52	0.9897
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		46,045,600	45,231,679		
TOTAL PERSONAL		6,948,900	6,948,900	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		52,994,500	52,180,579		

CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

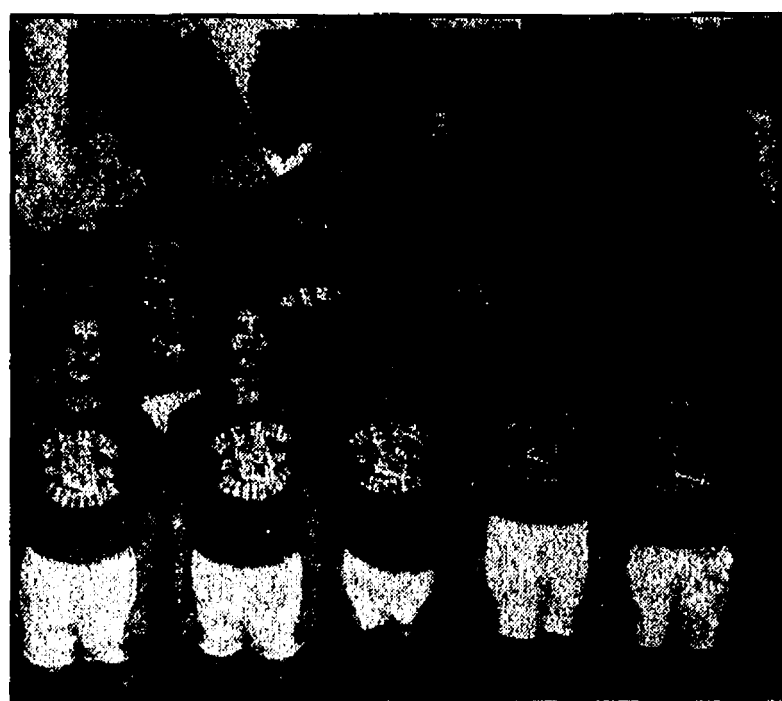
101	Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201	Commercial	26,658,400	25,972,720	51.32	0.9743
301	Industrial	3,757,800	3,215,642	58.43	0.8557
401	Residential	15,629,400	16,043,317	48.71	1.0265
501	Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601	Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL		46,045,600	45,231,679		
TOTAL PERSONAL		6,948,900	6,948,900	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP		52,994,500	52,180,579		

Prepared by: Crawford County Equalization Department

Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



February 23, 1989 - Grayling Jr. Pro basketball team Al Bennett Ford Mustangs are the 5th - 6th grade champions. Pictured (back row) coaches Chris Dunckley, Doug Hinkle; (middle row, left to right) Melissa Brunskill, Joe Godlewski, Jacob Beckwith, Nick Szjaner; (front row) Nick Shriner, Brian Dunckley, Shane Hinkle, Danyell Galvani, John Godlewski.

23 Years Ago February 23, 1989

Brian Kernstock, GHS wrestler, put on an overpowering display of strength and technique Friday and Saturday, enroute to winning the class C state championship at 189 pounds.

The following GHS band members performed at the district Solo/Ensemble festival: Kendra Wert, Tammy Fenton, Adam Anger, Chad Ormsbee, Karen Louchart,

Anna Hagemeister, Chris Halstead, Jordan Stancil, Margo Rembowski, Kevin Austin, Dana Mirate, Shane Lovely, Matt Branch, Jason Steiger, Gretchen Dice, Jeni Doty, Sean Mirate and Yolanda Rosi.

A special committee has been appointed by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to research the possibility of hiring a County Coordinator. The commissioners are pursuing

the possibility of creating the position of coordinator to ensure the best use is made of all the county funds. The coordinator would be responsible to make recommendations to the commissioners regarding major county purchases and negotiate county employee contracts. The coordinator would also advise the County Board of grant availabilities and possess a knowledge of the grant application process.

46 Years Ago February 24, 1966

Coach Mike Wieland and GHS students Tom Hatfield, Fred Blaauw, Pete Funck, Mark Day, Fenn Welch, Gary Jones, Claudia Henig, Rhea Stripe, Lorraine Lietz, Nancy Knibbs, Billie Bovee, Larry Berry and Bill Kraus have been working this year to bring gymnastics demonstrations to the Grayling basketball fans.

The Grayling High School Ski team spent a cold day at Sugar Loaf Mountain Saturday, Feb. 19 and managed to bring back a second place medal and a 10th place for the boys' team totals. The boys' team failed to bring home any medals, but all finished with fair times to give Grayling a 10th place finish of the 28 teams entered. The girls' team, without the help of two regulars, did not manage to finish in the top

ten, but did account for one medal, as Jody Wyman finished second in the giant slalom.

Robert Ashman, a senior at Grayling High School, won first place in the District Oratorical Contest held at Midland on Monday, Feb. 21.

The Frederic Eagles basketball team lost a game when they traveled to Merritt. Jim Weaver made 24, while Tom Koernke added 16 points. Merritt had 106 to Frederic's 72.

69 Years Ago February 25, 1943

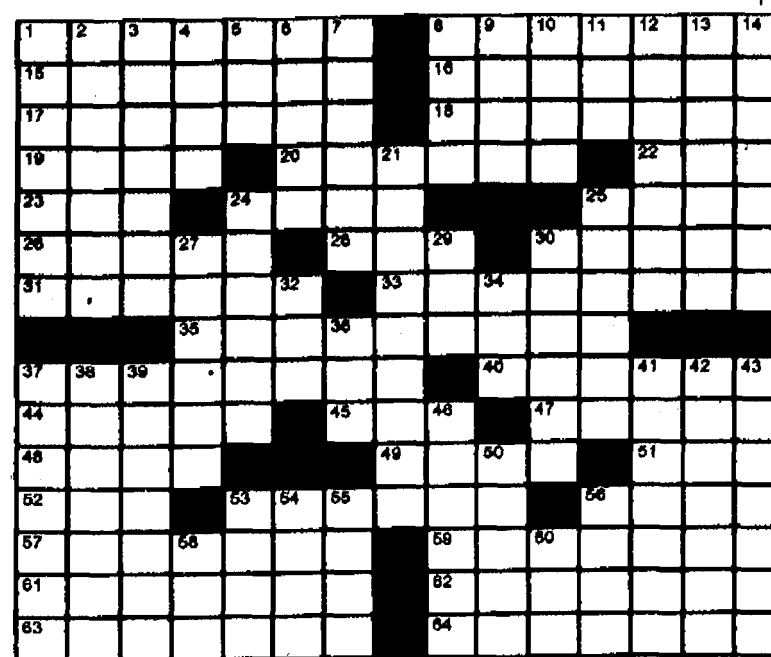
Charles Gierke, 16 year old Grayling youth, closed a successful fishing season this year with a 10 pound pike, speared in west bay at Lake Margrethe.

The box social at the Frederic school house last Friday was well attended, with \$35 added to the school funds. Everyone had a good time. They gave a Victory play, the cast included Miss Carolyn Post as Goddess of Liberty, Jack Post as George Washington, Victor Parsons as Abraham Lincoln and Bob McCormick as Uncle Sam.

92 Years Ago February 26, 1920

Harold MacNeven resigned his position at the N. Schlotz grocery this morning.

CROSSWORD



Across

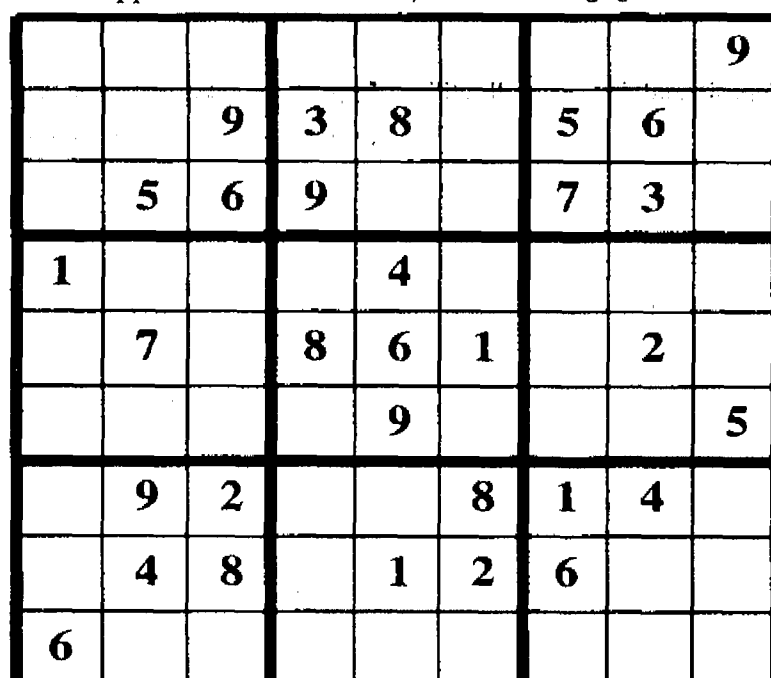
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8. Low relief enamel on ceramic
15. Smallest of the Great Lakes
16. Gives personal assurances
17. Small movable scale that slides along a main scale
18. Father's sisters, informally
19. "Iliad" warrior
20. Whooping birds
22. "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wds)
23. Software program that performs time-consuming tasks
24. Lentil, e.g.
25. Auditory
26. Drunk (2 wds)
28. Drink from a dish
30. Black European thrush
31. Like some mushrooms
33. Water diffused as vapour
35. Artist's media (2 wds)
37. Break, in a way (3 wds)
40. Constrain (2 wds)
44. About to explode
45. "Harper Valley ____" (acronym)
47. Agreeing (with)
48. Anchovy containers
49. Break
51. ____ Victor (acronym)
52. "Go on ..."
53. Ancient Egyptian documents
56. Sean Connery, for one
57. Harmful
59. Erstwhile (2 wds)
61. Islands of the central and S Pacific
62. What a tailor does to an old coat's insides
63. Those who group similar things
64. Chair part

Down

1. Deserving affection
2. Not using liquid
3. Concluding musical passages played at a faster speed
4. ____ Christian Andersen
5. Altdorf is its capital
6. Allotment
7. Reddish brown
8. "Terrible" czar
9. Grimace
10. Humorous play on words (pl.)
11. Appear
12. Therapeutic massage
13. Even smaller
14. Small bone, esp. in middle ear
21. Unshakably
24. Unite
25. Beginning
27. Depth charge targets (2 wds)
29. Hawaiian dish
30. Bony
32. Large North American deer
34. Publicity, slangily
36. Appear, with "up"
37. Spanish male gypsies
38. River to the Atlantic through Venezuela and Columbia
39. More pronounced bowed legs
41. Relating to pigs
42. Revenues
43. Most orderly
46. Dawn goddess
50. Lid or lip application
53. Johnny cake
54. Gulf V.I.P.
55. Two ____ in a pod
56. Ado
58. College entrance exam (acronym)
60. "A Nightmare on ____ Street"

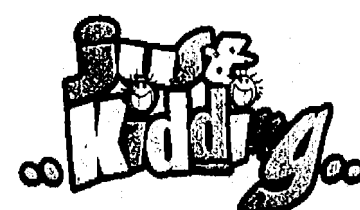
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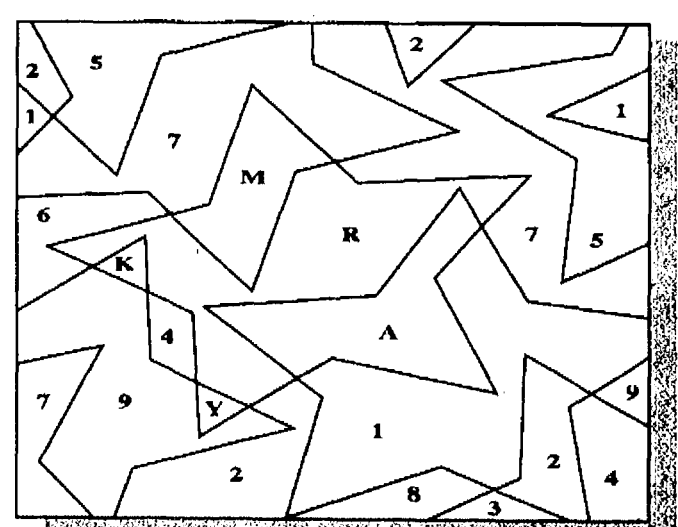


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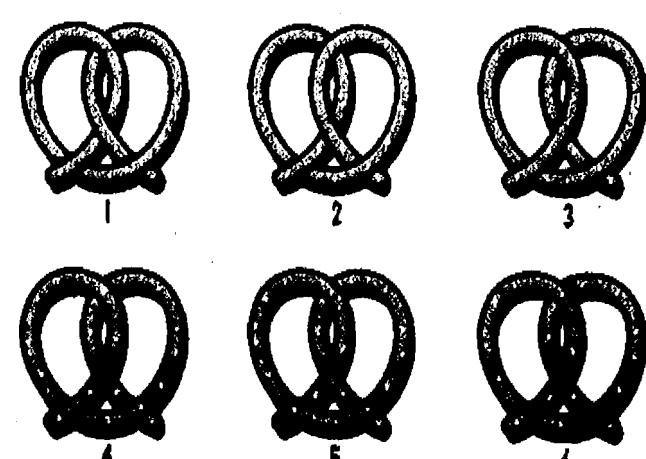
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FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



HOROSCOPES

Week of February 19, 2012



December 22 - January 19

Step it up, Capricorn. You're lagging behind, and it's starting to impede the progress of others. Do whatever you need to, to get ahead and stay ahead.



March 21 - April 19

Plan A out, Aries? Go to plan B. Don't have one? Look to a mentor to give you one. Battering at home ends in satisfaction for one and all.



June 21 - July 22

Visitors drop by unexpectedly, and schedules must be rearranged. Make the best of it, Cancer. It's been a while. A token of appreciation stirs up controversy.



September 23 - October 22

Casual exchanges send you down memory lane and motivate you to revive old traditions. Start with something small, Libra, and work your way up to bigger and better things.



January 20 - February 18

The time is right for you to shore up your finances, Aquarius. The motivation and the know-how are at hand. A friend pushes the envelope.



April 20 - May 20

Feeling left out these days, Taurus? You should be and for good reason. Be patient and all will be revealed in good time. A deadline approaches.



July 23 - August 22

Don't bother with the blame game, Leo. Everyone is at fault this time, and it's going to take all of you to clean up the mess and get things back on track.



October 23 - November 21

Just when you thought life couldn't get any sweeter, an old friend returns to the fold. Go all out, Scorpio! You have much to celebrate.



February 19 - March 20

Stop stalling, Pisces. You know what you need to do, so do it. The situation will turn out far better than expected. Passion heats up at home.



May 21 - June 21

At a loss with a young one? Don't be, Gemini. Look within for the answer. Another person's truth turns out to be your treasure, much to your surprise.



August 23 - September 22

Make no mistake, Virgo. You're right, but you're in the minority. Give the matter some time to settle and your family will come around. A gift brings smiles.



November 22 - December 21

Shoot, Sagittarius. You knew all along there were issues, but you've never had the resources to deal with them until now. A relative lends a helping hand.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Open: Everyday - 10am to 3pm

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



Briar

Briar is a one year old Pit mix. She is a friendly and active young dog. She loves people and enjoys the company of other active and playful dogs. This pretty girl will require some training but she bonds well and is eager to please. Briar has been spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped. All she needs now is a home.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.assc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



ZESTY PENNE, SAUSAGE & PEPPERS

Ingredients:

3 cups penne pasta, uncooked
1 lb. Italian sausage
1 each green and red pepper, cut into thin strips
1 jar (26 oz.) spaghetti sauce

1 tsp. fennel seed
Dash crushed red pepper
4 oz. (1/2 of 8-oz. pkg.) Cream Cheese, cubed
1/4 cup Shredded Parmesan Cheese

Directions:

COOK pasta as directed on package.

MEANWHILE, crumble sausage into large skillet; cook and stir on medium heat 8 min. or until done. Drain. Add peppers; cook and stir 5 min. or until crisp-tender. Stir in next 3 ingredients; cook 5 min. or until heated through. Add cream cheese; cook 2 min. or until melted, stirring frequently.

DRAIN pasta. Add to sausage mixture; mix lightly. Top with Parmesan.

Variation

Prepare using Neufchatel Cheese or 1/2 cup (1/2 of 8-oz. tub) Low Fat Cream Cheese.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Precip
02/14	31	24	0.02
02/15	36	28	0.23
02/16	34	24	0
02/17	30	23	0.17
02/18	28	-1	0
02/19	35	1	0
02/20	40	2	0

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 40	High 32	High 28	High 34	High 32	High 33
Low 30	Low 15	Low 14	Low 22	Low 25	Low 23
Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers

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 Classified by the word deadline - Noon Tuesday

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/t/f/1)

A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811.

2. For Rent

3 BEDROOM HOUSE in city of Grayling, 404 Date St. Range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, basement, storage shed, large yard. No pets, \$575 month, plus \$575 security deposit. Tenant pays utilities, 989-348-4716. (-2/23/12/t/f/2)

FULLY FURNISHED vacation or short term housing near Lake Margrethe. Very nice, daily, weekly, monthly. Call Pete Koefas, 989-344-7669. (-2/3-1-8/2)

TWO BEDROOM HOME 7 miles east, \$450 month plus electric. 348-4840. (-16-23/2)

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Three Grayling High School wrestlers finished high enough (top four) at individual regionals on Saturday to qualify for this year's Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals. The squad had six regional qualifiers.

Brandon Handrich, a junior, won his weight class (152) during Saturday's Region 9-3 tournament at Farwell. He won a 7-0 decision in his first match of the event (vs. Manistee). Handrich won a 5-3 decision vs. a Farwell opponent in the semifinals. In the championship round, he

pinned his opponent (from Big Rapids) to win his division and secure a spot in the state finals.

Ryan Randall (215), a senior, lost his first match of the day to a wrestler from Remus-Chippewa Hills (7-1 decision). Randall won by pin vs. a Gladstone opponent in his next match. He clinched a state finals berth with a 6-4 decision (double overtime) victory in his third bout. In the battle for 3rd/4th place, a rematch vs. the opponent from Remus-Chippewa Hills that beat him earlier in the day, Randall lost a 5-2

decision. He finished fourth.

Jeff Myers, a sophomore, also placed fourth in his weight class (189). He lost by pin in his first match. He pinned an opponent from Benzie Central. Myers won an 11-10 decision in his third bout of the day to clinch a state finals berth. In his final Region 9-3 match, Myers lost by pin to the same wrestler from Remus-Chippewa Hills that he lost to in the first round.

The individual state finals will be held on March 1-3 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.



Three Grayling High School wrestlers qualified for the individual state finals on Saturday. The qualifiers, with the squad's coaches: (L to R) Assistant Coach Todd Kornoely, Ryan Randall, Brandon Handrich (regional champion), Jeff Myers, Head Coach Andy Moore.

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